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GUARANTEE OF LOANS TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The creation by neutral states of an international body to guarantee the repayment of sums loaned to Finland, whatever the ultimate fate of that country be, was advocated by the former Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. Hendryk Colijn.

In a public statement yesterday Dr. Colijn paid a "tribute of admiration to France and Britain who had placed 600 planes and a quantity of artillery and ammunition at the disposal of the Finns."

He added: "Private and government financial help is also necessary but those who lend money to a country which risks being engulfed by a totalitarian state may not get back their debts after the victory," and he proposed to develop a plan for a joint guarantee of Finland's debts by all the European neutrals.—Havas.

NAVY MOVE IN NORTHERN WATERS

London, To-day.

Reports that British warships are off Petsamo are circulating to-day, "The Times" giving them great prominence.

It is thought that possibly the British are preparing to take action against Nazi ships similar to the Altmark case.

Official circles in London decline to make any further comment on the Altmark case or on Norway's refusal to intern the Nazi "hell-ship."

These circles also frown on speculations as to what Britain may do about the Altmark case.—Reuter.

BRITAIN MAINTAINS CENSORSHIP RIGHTS

Washington, To-day.

Britain has replied to the American representations on censorship of U.S. mails, stating that it is unable to limit its rights to prevent currency etc. from reaching Germany whatever its source.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: North-East winds fresh; fine generally.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT the basic terms of the agreement reached between Wang Ching-wei and the Japanese authorities in China last December and approved by the Abe Cabinet early this year will be made public shortly after the new central political council, the nucleus of the new "central government of China," has met.

These terms may be summarised as follows, says the "Japan Times."

Firstly, Japan's policy vis-a-vis the new "central government" is to support it fully, extending every possible aid and co-operation in the field of economy, military affairs and culture, and thus have it complete the unification of the Chinese state.

The Japanese Government is convinced the new "government" will come to be qualified and powerful so that it can build up a new order in East Asia in co-operation with Japan.

Secondly, when the new "central government" reaches a stage at which it is regarded as qualified enough to accomplish the task of unification of the China state, Japan, ahead of other countries, will formally recognise the "central government," adjust Sino-Japanese relations and make efforts to induce the other Powers to do the same.

THREE PRINCIPLES

Thirdly, the Japanese Government thinks the building up of the new order in East Asia will not be injured if the new "government" succeeds the administration of the old Kuomintang Party and has the pure Three People's Principles as its guiding principle, provided the new "government" does (Continued on Page 28)

CURB ON PROFITEERS

Shanghai, To-day.

The French Concession authorities have issued regulations to curb the sky-rocketing costs of living.

The Concession will fix maximum prices for daily necessities while taxes will not be increased in order not to give an impetus to any price rises.

The stocks of merchants will be checked and any contravention will lead to confiscation of goods which will be distributed to the indigent or sold for their benefit.

A Committee will be formed to go into all details of business transactions.

Merchants will be required to allow free access to their books by members of the Committee and examination of their stocks. Fines from \$1 to \$1,000 will be imposed for infractions of the regulations.—Reuter.

Tokyo, To-day.

ITALIAN LABOUR TO AID NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERNE, TO-DAY.

GERMANY AND ITALY HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR SENDING TO GERMANY THE SAME NUMBER OF ITALIAN AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS AS LAST YEAR.

Meanwhile, Germany is trying to obtain as many workers as possible from occupied Poland, and the German authorities in Poland are sending to the Reich at least 5,000 labourers a day.—Havas.

PETULANT PUPPETS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tientsin, To-day.

According to unconfirmed but persistent rumours Wang Keh-min, head of the Peiping "provisional government," has resigned.

The reported resignation followed shortly after his visit to Shanghai when he held brief discussions with Wang Ching-wei.

Apparently Wang Keh-min refused to agree to accept the post of chairman of the new North China political council within the framework of the new Wang Ching-wei regime.

It is reported that the Minister of Interior, Wang Yi-tang, and the Minister of Public Welfare in the Peiping "government," Chi Hsueh-yan, are both candidates to succeed Wang Keh-min.—Havas.

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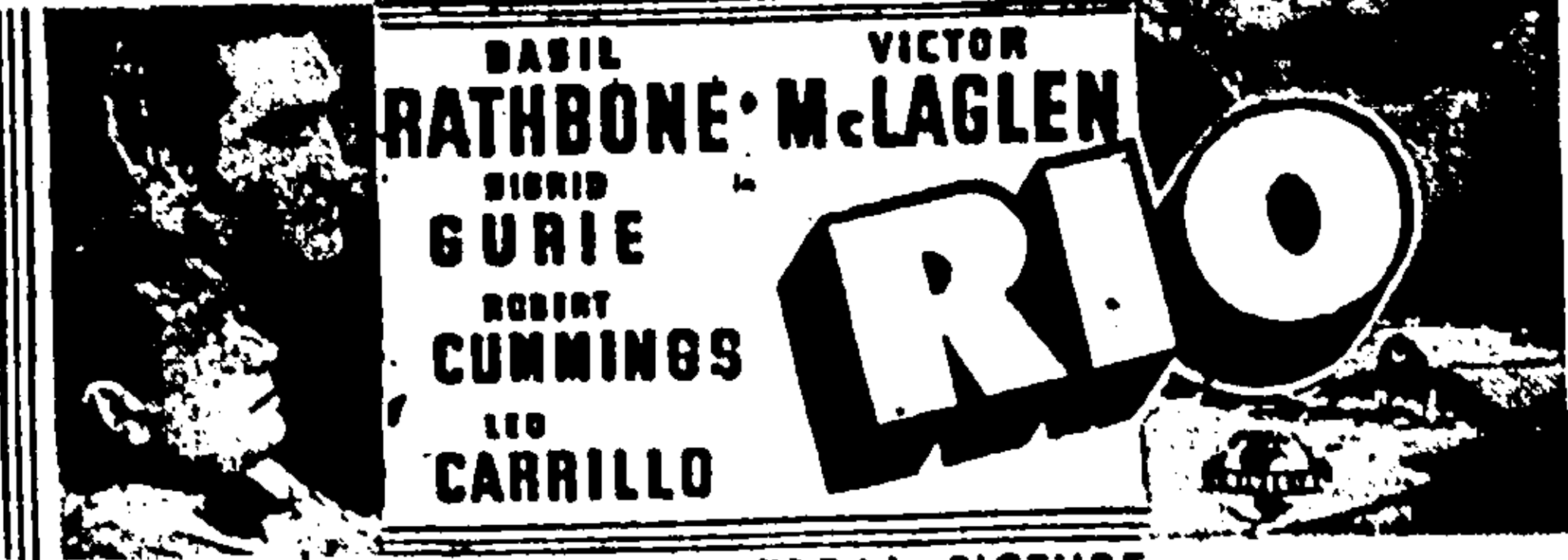
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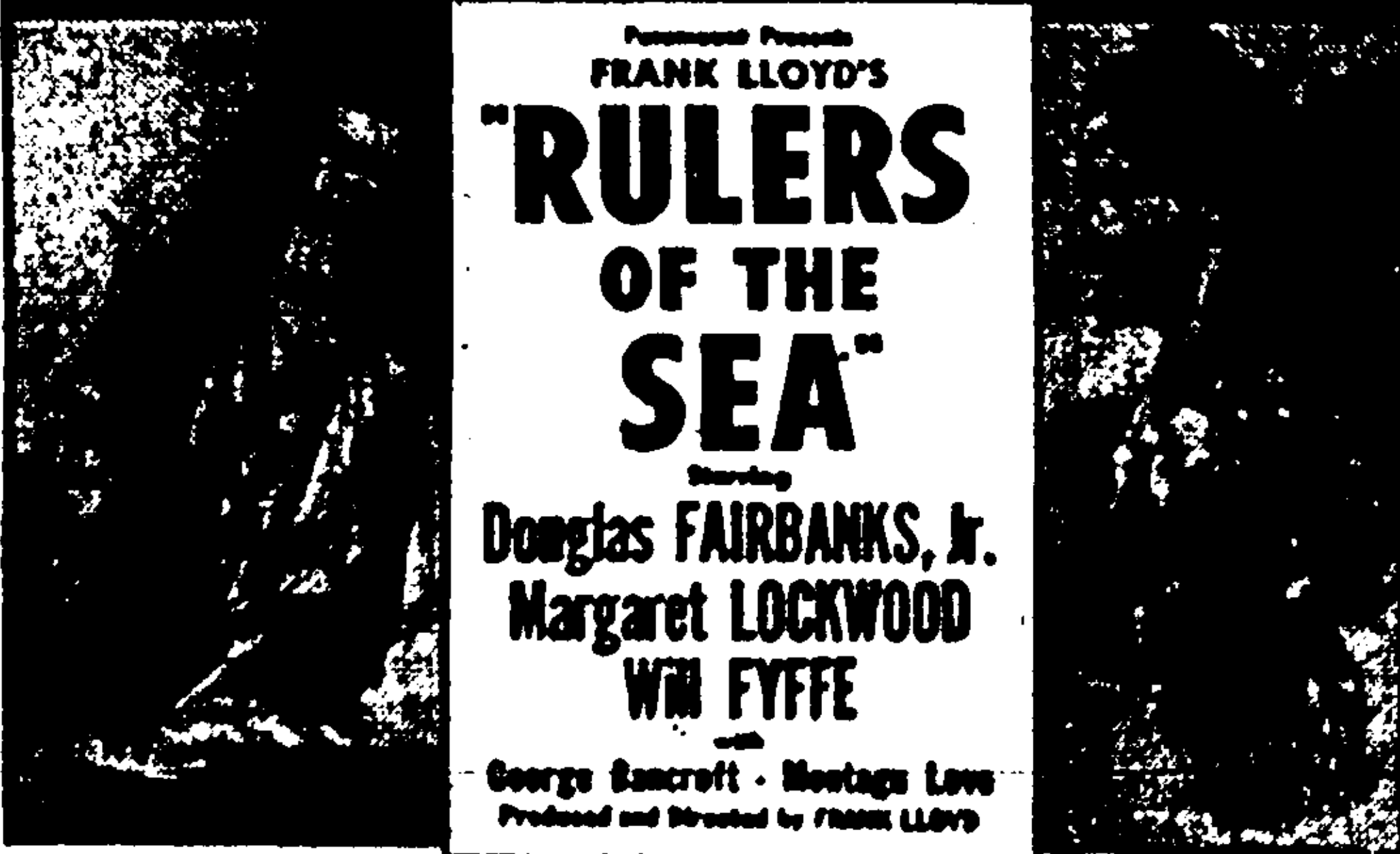
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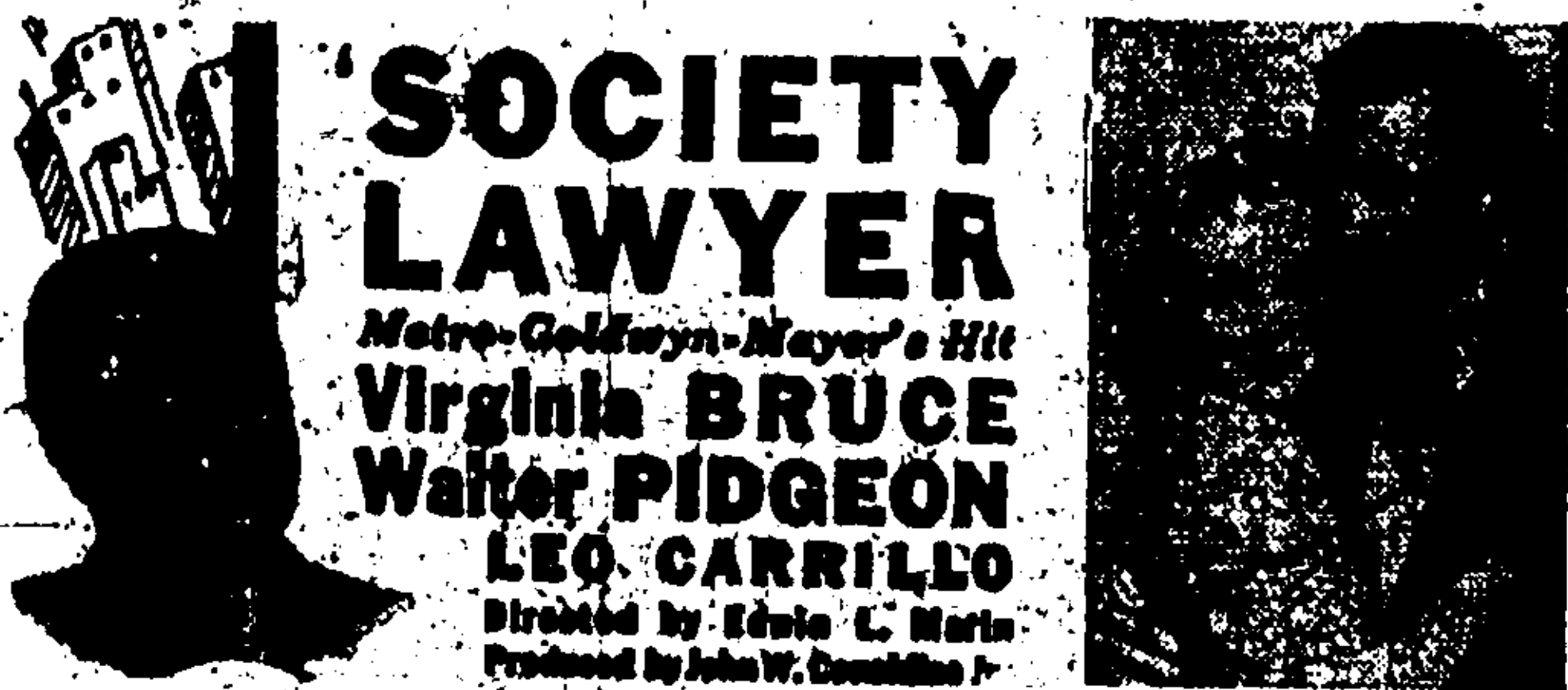
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SWEDISH BATTERIES ORDERED TO FIRE ON INVADING PLANES

Stockholm, To-day.

SWEDISH ANTI-AIRCRAFT batteries will fire on all foreign 'planes crossing the Swedish border, the military commander of the province of Norrland, in north Sweden, announced yesterday.

Immediately after the bombing of the Swedish town of Pajala by Soviet 'planes on Wednesday he revealed, the military authorities sent experts to the scene.

Later, the Swedish Minister in Moscow was instructed to lodge a protest with the Soviet Government.

The Swedish newspapers are expressing great indignation at the bombing, saying that Sweden has never been the object of such a serious violation of her neutrality, either in the last war or the present one.

The "Stockholms-Tidningen" says that Sweden wants peace, and so does the whole of Scandinavia.

"It is certainly growing dark up here, however," comments the paper, "and perhaps all the neutrals will have to make serious decisions in the near future."—Reuter.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

London, To-day.

His Majesty was represented by Lord Clarendon at the memorial service to Lord Tweedsmuir which was held in Westminster Abbey yesterday.

The Prime Minister and most of the Cabinet also attended as well as the Dominion High Commissioners, colonial representatives and many foreign Ambassadors.

The Great Nave of the Abbey was open and scores of Canadian soldiers occupied seats.—British Wireless.

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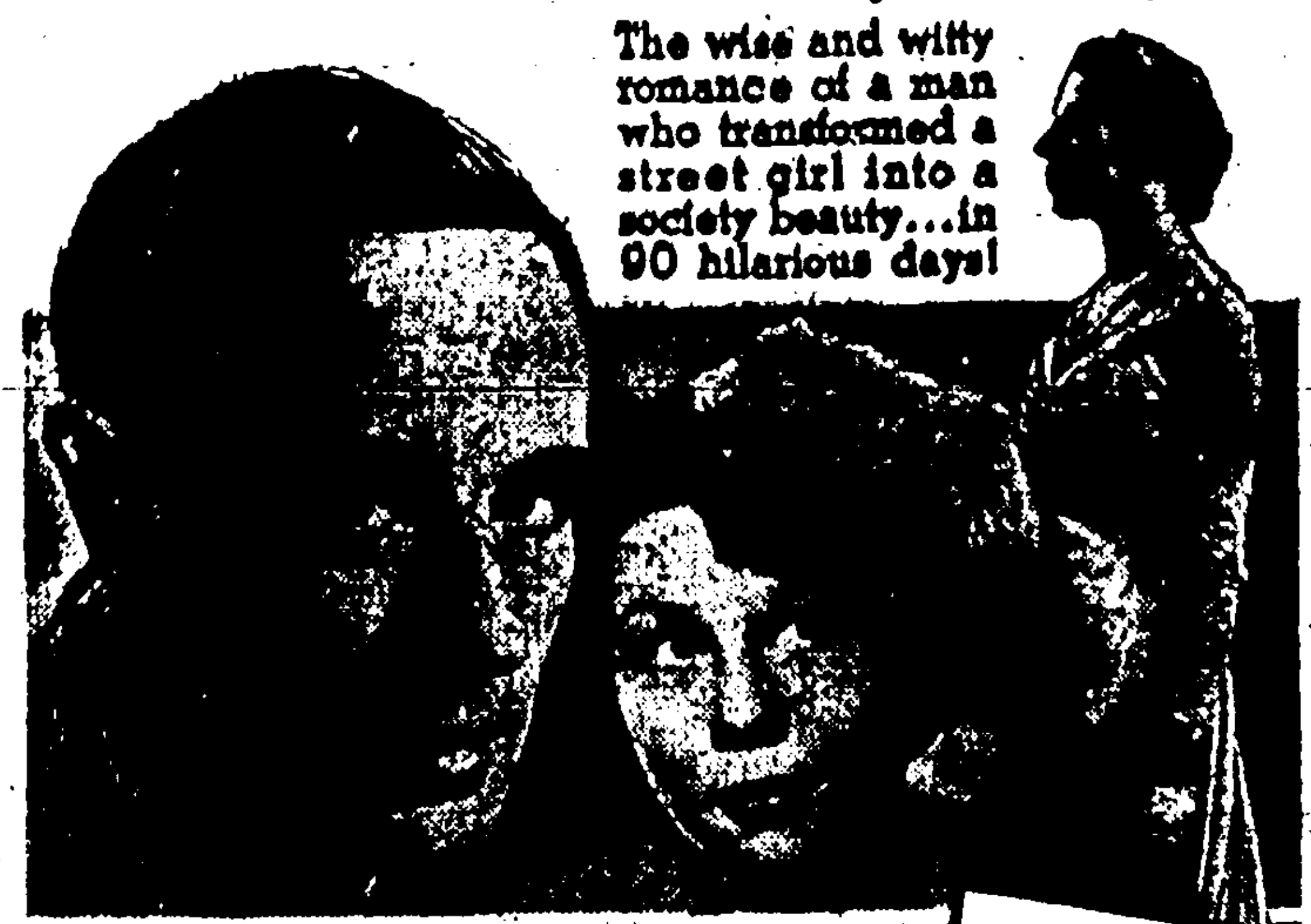
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AMAZING REVELATIONS OF the part Goering is prepared to play in a bid to oust Hitler were given in a broadcast by the Free German radio.

1808 "GAMP" FOR PREMIER

A top-hat and umbrella dating from the beginning of the nineteenth century have been recovered from the English frigate, the *Crescent*, which was wrecked off Loenstrup, west coast of Jutland, in 1808, and are to be presented to Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

GERMANY AND MERCY MISSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day. Mr. Norman Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross, has announced that the German Government has permitted its organisation to help in the terrible distress among the civilian population in the Warsaw region, but that Red Cross officials will not be allowed to enter any other districts, which are held to be incorporated in the Reich.

The Reich also gave assurances that food and clothing sent by the Red Cross would exclusively be reserved for civilians.

The American Red Cross has already allotted \$400,000 for relief in Poland and a further \$200,000 will be forthcoming shortly.—Havas.

"THERE WILL BE NO REPENTANT GERMANY"

"There will be no repentant Germany after the war with which to sit down at a table as though nothing had happened."

This was the assurance given in a German broadcast from Zecken. "Europe," said the speaker, "is a dark continent, full of unsolved issues. Problems will emerge which will make the conflict more absurd than we ever dreamed it would be. The time will come when situation will have to be mastered which only a strong Reich will be able to accomplish."

ARTILLERY ACTION ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day. Last night's French communique says there were artillery actions on both sides, especially to the west of the Saar and east of Blies.

There was increased activity of both air forces between the Moselle and the Rhine, and also over Alsace.—Reuter.

"Goering," the announcer declared, "is gambling high. His highest card is the Hohenzollern card."

"He is prepared to offer the Western Powers a Hohenzollern prince as puppet ruler of Germany."

"Convinced of the failure of an expected large-scale Nazi offensive in the spring, Goering is possessed with the idea of having ready all the threads for the moment when he can become Hitler's successor—the new grand man of Germany."

The Nazi Party, the announcer added, would then be driven back, Bohemia and Moravia would be granted certain concessions, and Germany's relations with Russia would be curtailed.

Goering's agents and go-betweens are at work in all countries.

"Meanwhile, Himmler is collecting evidence against Goering, but hesitates to strike the blow against the man who is, after all, his immediate chief."

MAIL CENSORSHIP ANNOYANCE

Washington, To-day.

Several Senators issued statements yesterday criticising Britain's "insistence" on censoring United States mails in Bermuda.

Senator Truman proposed that United States planes should cease visiting Bermuda and that British planes be barred from landing in the United States.

Senator Clark (Missouri) declared the latest disclosures of censorship "only strengthen my view that we should prohibit our planes landing in Bermuda."

Meanwhile, according to a Bermuda despatch, British officials there describe as utter nonsense a report that armed Marines boarded the *Clipper* in order to enforce the removal of mail for censorship.

"FOOLISH USE" OF RIGHT Senator Key Pittman declared Britain had made "excessive and very foolish use" of her right as a belligerent to censor American mail. He said there was no doubt Britain had the right to examine for contraband all mail on board the *Clipper*.

Senator Clark, attacking the "high-handed procedure," secured the unanimous consent of the Senate for the insertion in the records of the newspaper account of the alleged Bermuda Incident.—Reuter.

JUNK INTERCEPTED

All arms and ammunition found on board fishing junk No. 2421HW were confiscated by Japanese sailors who stopped and boarded the boat on Monday about a mile west of Lintin Island. The incident was reported yesterday to the police by the master of the junk, Lam Hoi-kwong.

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18 MILES FROM VIBORG

Finnish Statement On Red Army Progress

DEEPEST POINT OF ADVANCE TEN MILES

Stockholm, To-day.
SOVIET TROOPS PUSHING along the main railway in the Karelian Isthmus have reached a point within 18 miles of Viborg, according to last night's Finnish communique.

This is the first indication of the extent of the recent Finnish withdrawal to their new positions in the Mannerheim Line.

Deepest point of the Soviet advance is some distance west of the village of Summa.

Since the start of their offensive in this sector the Soviets appear to have gained between five and ten miles at the cost of great losses in men and material.

While the Finns claim to be firmly entrenched in their new positions they are evidently being hard pressed.

The Russian drive has now widened across the whole Isthmus but at the eastern side, near Taipale, where its main force is being expended the Red Army seems to be meeting little success.

The Finns claim that Russian losses in this sector included 4,500 killed in the past week.—Reuter.

Within Shelling Range Of Viborg

Helsinki, To-day.
The Soviets are within shelling range of Viborg on the right flank and on the left flank, despite the snow, are continuing their attacks in the Taipale sector.

Although the Koivisto sector is now more or less in Soviet hands, the Koivisto fortress is still held by the Finns. It is on an island commanding the Gulf of Finland and is only 12 miles from Viborg.—Reuter.

"NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE"

Moscow, To-day.
"Nothing of importance to report" states yesterday's Moscow communique, which, however, claims that between Monday and Wednesday, Soviet troops captured 176 Finnish defences in the Mannerheim Line, including 37 iron and concrete artillery fortifications.—Reuter.

Voroshilov Directing Operations

Helsinki, To-day.
Marshal Voroshilov is reported to be on the Karelian Isthmus front, personally directing the new offensive with the capture of Viborg as its immediate objective.

The new battle, which is being fought in a steady unrelenting blizzard, began yesterday morning and is still in progress, with the Finns claiming to have repulsed all attacks.

The Soviet forces are experiencing terrible difficulties in the attack under the weather conditions, but the High Command is apparently declining to give the least opportunity for respite, in the hope of taking Viborg to-day (Friday), the Army anniversary.

Over 2,000 are reported to have been killed in action during yesterday's engagements.

Thirteen Soviet planes were shot down.

North-East of Lake Ladoga, where the Soviet 18th Division was annihilated last week, the Finns are counter-attacking and claim the capture of 17 Soviet positions and 200 prisoners.—Reuter.

WHAT SOVIET DEMANDED OF FINLAND

London, To-day.

The Soviet demands on Finland before the Red Army invaded the country included a demand for the destruction of the Mannerheim Line, according to the Finnish Minister in London, speaking at the luncheon of the English-Speaking Union yesterday.

The Minister said Finland had agreed to far-reaching demands but it was not enough because the Soviet Government insisted on Finland destroying its main line of defence, the Mannerheim Line, on getting possession of Finland's principal port, on dominating Finland's only ice-free port thousands of miles from Leningrad and on the right to maintain two naval bases and to keep troops in Finland.

Finland could not accept that, for it would have meant surrendering their freedom, the Minister declared.—Reuter.

CHANGES IN IRAQ CABINET

Baghdad, To-day.
Nuri Said has reformed the Iraq Government by reshuffling the portfolios and by introducing two new Ministers.
Nuri Said himself has taken temporarily the portfolio of Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

FRENCH AIR CHIEF TO STAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.
GENERAL MAURICE VUILLEMIN, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE FRENCH AIR FORCE, WILL RETAIN HIS COMMAND FOR ANOTHER YEAR DESPITE THE FACT HE REACHED THE AGE LIMIT A FEW DAYS AGO.

President Lebrun signed a decree to this effect yesterday following the Council of Ministers.

Other important but undisclosed decisions were taken by the Council following Premier Daladier's expose of the latest diplomatic and military developments.—Havas.

FOE—"ALL GERMANS"

"If all the Nazi leaders were 'bumped off' now it would be wrong to make peace," declared Sir Herbert Williams, M.P.

"The Prime Minister and others have told us that Hitler is the enemy," he said. "I think that is a delusion. It is the German people that are the enemy."

"I don't say all of them, but the German people are slave minded, and the problem is to bring about a peace in which these people would not do the same again."

Talking of Mr. Roosevelt's desire to have a place at the peace conference, Sir Herbert said: "I hope he won't be there. His predecessor made a rotten mess of the last job."

Sir Herbert was speaking in a discussion on the future of Europe held at Maccabi House, West Hampstead, N.W.

Mr. Vyvyan Adams, M.P., caused a gasp of astonishment when, after reminding his audience that our first aim must be the total defeat of Germany," he said:

"It is going to be a terrific task. Although the majority of us are young in this room we may not all be still alive to see that victory."

Mr. Wickham Steed, expressing the hope that Germany would take a share in releasing herself from Nazism, said: "Germany has to go through a process of self-purification such as no foreign Government would dare to impose upon her."

Mr. Jan Masaryk, former Czechoslovakian Minister in London, declared: "We have got to have an absolute victory over the powers of darkness. There is no compromise."

NEW DALAI LAMA ENTHRONED AT LHASSA

Lhasa, To-day.
The new Dalai Lama was formally proclaimed yesterday, and enthroned in colourful ceremonies.

A procession more than a mile long passed through the streets of Lhasa from the Summer Palace, and immense crowds witnessed the ceremonies.—Reuter.

MEN OF 46 CALLED TO COLOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.
A new proclamation issued here calls under arms all men born between 1894 and 1895 who must report next Wednesday.—Havas.



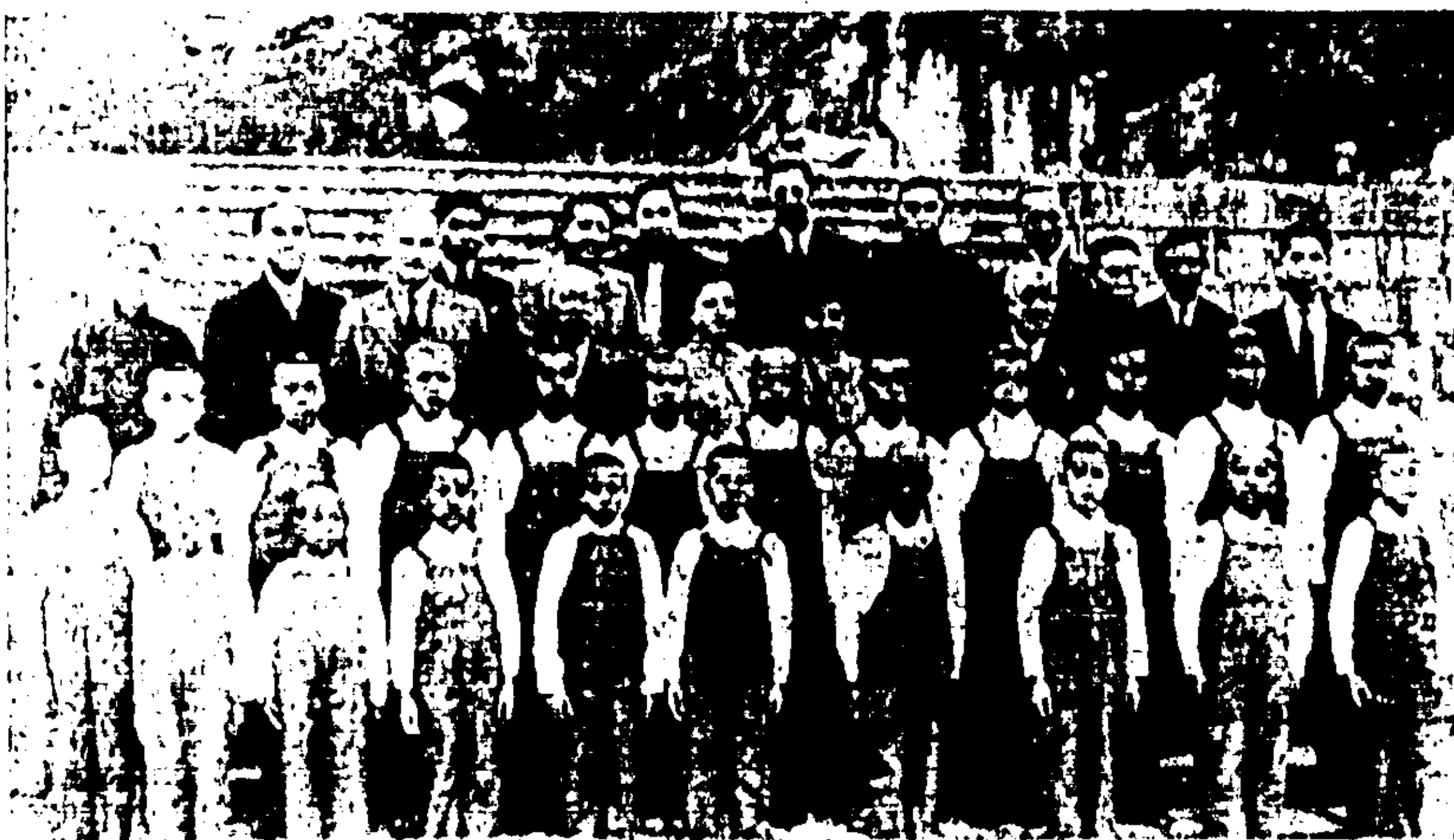
THE KING VISITS THE CANADIANS—Picture taken at a famous army barracks "somewhere in England" during a visit by His Majesty the King. (Copyright, Fox).



Robert Cummings and Sigrid Gurie in Universal's "Rio" showing to-day at the King's Theatre.



Photo taken after the wedding at Kowloon Union Church last week of Miss L. Sinclair and Mr. W. M. Wright. (King's Studio).



At the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke to the Physical Culture Institute for Boys. Photo shows the visitors and the boys.

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30-MILE CHASE BY FIGHTERS OF NAZI BOMBER

London, To-day.

GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO raid Britain yesterday ran into considerable trouble. Two Heinkels were shot down by R.A.F. fighters and two others fled when a trawler they were attacking replied with machine-gun fire.

In the early afternoon, the Air Ministry announced that a Heinkel bomber had been brought down off the north-east coast. Almost on the heels of this announcement came another communique, stating that a second German plane had been attacked and brought down in a field near the Scottish border.

When the trawler was attacked yesterday morning the Nazi planes dropped several bombs, which all missed by a wide margin. As soon as the trawler opened fire with its machine-gun, the attackers fled at high speed. British fighters were seen going out to sea during the day and listeners on shore report hearing a loud explosion.

SEEN TO BREAK UP

The Heinkel bomber which was shot down in the sea yesterday was destroyed after a 30-mile chase through the clouds by Hawker Hurricane fighters.

The pilots saw the Nazi machine break up and dive into the water.

The British pilots were members of the squadron which recently downed three Heinkels in two days. The Flight-Lieutenant who led the formation helped to shoot down a raider which crashed near Whitby three weeks ago.

SET ON FIRE

The Heinkel which crashed at St. Abb's Head yesterday was chased by Spitfires and crashed after one of its engines had stopped working.

The pilot set the machine on fire before the police arrived to arrest the crew.—Reuter.

CHASE THROUGH CLOUDS

The Hurricane pilots sighted their enemy ten miles off the Northumberland coast.

The Heinkel turned south-east and climbed into the clouds. For a time the Hurricane lost him. Then in a clear patch the Flight-Lieutenant sighted the Heinkel again.

He dived to the attack while the German rear gunner fired back ineffectively. The Hurricane bullets struck home.

"The Heinkel's under-carriage immediately dropped," said the Flight-Lieutenant in his report. "It dived steeply to about 10,000 feet when its wing tips were seen to drop off. Then it turned on its back and dived vertically into the sea."

Further north, Spitfires of an auxiliary squadron were attacking a second Heinkel 25 miles out to sea. Pursued by the Spitfires and with one engine out of action the German pilot decided to make for land. He crashed his aircraft a mile inland near St. Abb's Head, and the crew succeeded in setting it on fire.—British Wireless.

An Unpleasant Surprise

London, To-day.

Two Nazi planes which aimed bombs at a British trawler off the Norfolk coast got an unpleasant surprise yesterday.

The trawler was alone about a mile from shore and seemed easy prey.

The bombers flew in low to the attack and received a hail of bullets from the vessel's new machine-gun.

The planes quickly disappeared and

the trawler went on its way unharmed.

There was considerable air activity on the Norfolk coast.—Reuter.

Crew Taken Prisoner

London, To-day.

According to an agency report the crew of the Heinkel bomber which was shot down near St. Abb's Head were taken prisoner; one is suffering from bullet wounds in the leg.

The Spitfire which descended to prevent the German airmen setting fire to the machine failed in its object.—British Wireless.

GOT HIS WIFE TO DYNAMITE HIM

Ross Travis, of Walton, New York State, ended his life by having his wife unwittingly detonate a dynamite bomb which Travis had connected to his body.

He wrapped the dynamite about him in a blanket, wired the charge to a light socket, and tied its chain switch to the front door, so that anyone entering would explode the bomb.

His wife set off the charge when she entered with her seven-year-old daughter. They were uninjured.

KITCHEN OVEN HID £10,000 IN STOLEN JEWELS

New York, Feb. 6.

Society in Houston, Texas, was startled to-day to learn that a former World War captain it had accepted socially was the "mystery burglar" who had robbed its homes of valuables worth over £100,000 in the past four years.

Arrested on suspicion, Fred Johnson, aged forty-six, well-dressed and popular, led the police to his home, where they found so much loot that eight police cars were needed to remove it.

Jewellery worth £10,000 was found in a syrup tin, and gems of equal worth in a kitchen oven.

Police also found thirty-two fur coats, perfume, and a fortune in silverware.

KEPT AN ARSENAL

Johnson kept a huge arsenal of pistols, shotguns and automatic rifles, all loaded. "I figured I might have to shoot it out with the police some time," he said.

Because of his smart appearance, Johnson went unquestioned when he attended weddings and balls, even when uninvited. He got good prices

H.M. TRAWLER SUNK

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT 10.03 LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED THAT H.M. TRAWLER FIFESHIRE (UNDER THE COMMAND OF ACTING SUB-LT. J. V. SEARES WOOD) HAS BEEN SUNK AS THE RESULT OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT ATTACKS.

IT IS FEARED THERE IS ONLY ONE SURVIVOR, ABLE-SEAMAN ALBERT EDWARD BLOWERS.

TWO OFFICERS AND 16 RATINGS ARE MISSING AND ARE FEARED LOST. — REUTER.

ONE OF SIX

Havas states that the "Fifeshire" was the only one of six trawlers attacked to be sunk by the Nazi raiders.

She received a direct hit from a bomb according to the sole survivor. The other trawler fought off the raiders with machine-guns.

GOOD ACCOUNT GIVEN BY TRAWLERS

London, To-day.

According to agency reports six trawlers attacked off the East Coast by a single German aeroplane gave so good an account of themselves with their newly installed machineguns that the raider turned and flew back to Germany without inflicting any casualties.

The ships were apparently machine-gunned but no bombs were dropped and no one was injured.

The skipper of one of these trawlers is reported as saying: "We gave him about 45 rounds sharp from our new Lewis gun and after twice swooping on us he found it too hot and made off. Some of his machine gun bullets hit our ship but on the whole his shooting was bad."—British Wireless.

ESPIONAGE ARRESTS IN BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.

A German employed at the German consulate in Antwerp, and a shipping official at Ghent and his sister, have been arrested on suspicion of espionage.—Reuter.

PRESSURE ON RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

Indication of increasing pressure on Rumania regarding the delivery of oil supplies is contained in an announcement that Dr. Clodius, the German economic expert, is to arrive in Bucharest on Monday.

There are rumours that Germany is demanding the doubling of shipments of oil in view of failure (because of weather conditions) to maintain full contract quantities in the last two or three months.

Anxiety as to possible developments is revealed by rumours of further substantial mobilisation plans by King Carol.—Reuter.

DUTCH ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The official statement on the serious espionage affair at Groningen, in the province of Amsterdam, near the German border, gives no details, merely stating that the spy ring was uncovered following an attempt at escape by two foreign soldiers interned for the duration of the war.

Five Dutchmen and a foreigner have been arrested.—Havas.

SANTA ANITA DERBY RESULT

Los Angeles, To-day.

Mr. H. C. Hill's Sweepida, ridden by Ralph Neves, won the U.S.\$50,000 Santa Anita-Derby over a mile and one furlong. R.C. Stable's Royal Crusader was second and W. Siegler Jr.'s Weigh Anchor was third. Time was 1 min. 51 3/5 seconds. Seventeen ran.—Reuter.



Sigrid Gurie, Leo Carrillo, R. Hart Cummings and Victor Metagen in Universal's "Rio" showing to-day at the King's Theatre.

PANIC IN LONDON WEST END

R.A.F. BOMB GERMAN NAVAL CRAFT

Paris, To-day.
It is reported that British planes flying over Borkum and Heligoland attacked several German torpedo-boats. Results of the attacks are not yet known. The Royal Air Force state they have made many reconnaissance flights in the North Sea in the last day or two.—Reuter.

YET ANOTHER PROTEST

Amsterdam, To-day.

Holland has lodged another protest with Germany against the sinking of Dutch ships and the flights of Nazi aircraft over Holland.

These incidents are causing a cumulative stiffening of public sentiment in Holland.

No more outrages such as the sinking of Dutch ships can now be accepted, it is felt, and since paper protests do not prevail, "Holland may have to adopt sterner measures." — Reuter.

Mrs. Begg, of No. 48, Grampian Road, has reported the theft of a bicycle from her garage yesterday.

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DON'T MISS IT

Three I.R.A. Bomb Explosions

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THREE APPARENTLY TERRIFIC EXPLOSIONS CAUSED A SERIOUS PANIC IN THE WEST END, IN OXFORD STREET AND NEAR THE MARBLE ARCH LAST NIGHT.

The roar of the explosions, which were at first attributed by crowds in the streets to the first Nazi air raid on London, reverberated through quite an extensive area, and it was some time before the public was reassured.

Women near the Marble Arch, which happened to be congested with City workers waiting for Edgware Road buses, became, some of them, hysterical, screaming and fainting.

The police, who were strongly reinforced within a short time, restored order, and explained that the explosions were due to activities by I.R.A. terrorists.

IN TUBE SUBWAY

They were comparatively small bombs, but one exploded in the subway of a tube station, and as a result went off with a shattering roar.

A second blew out shop fronts in

Oxford Street.

The third exploded in front of a building in Oxford Circus.

Eight persons were injured, but only four of them were sufficiently seriously hurt to require hospital treatment.

Scotland Yard is beginning a big round-up of suspected I.R.A. sympathisers as a result of the incident. — Havas.

BRITISH LOAN TO MODERNISE IRAN'S DEFENCES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED that Britain has decided to extend a loan to the Iranian Government to enable it to modernize its measures for national defence.

The move is connected with fears of Soviet imperialistic designs in the Near East as substantiated by reports of important Soviet troops concentrations in Armenia and other Causasian districts.

Apprehensions of the Soviet threat are felt not only in Iran but in other near eastern countries from Rumania to India.

Thus, Afghanistan recently started improvement of her army under the discreet guidance of the Allies, while Turkey has fortified her border with the Soviet and Armenia, and will be able to resist any pressure especially since the British and French Near Eastern Armies would automatically extend her assistance.

Incidentally, it is recalled that the famous Soviet pipeline linking Baku and Batum, is vulnerable from the air and it is anticipated that the Iranian Government would allow belligerent air forces to fly over its territory in case the aggravation of the crisis really threatens her security. — Havas.

S.W. AFRICA ELECTIONS FAVOUR SMUTS

Capetown, To-day.
In the South-West Africa elections, the Nationalist Party, which is pro-Hertzog and is supported by the Germans in South-West Africa, is being badly defeated.

So far, the United Party has won 10 elected seats and the Nationalist Party only one. There is still one outstanding result.—Reuter.

PLATE BATTLE AWARDS

London, To-day.

Further awards for distinguished and gallant service in the River Plate Battle were announced in the London Gazette last night.

The D.S.O. is awarded to the commanders of Atax, Achilles, and Exeter, namely, Capt. Douglas H. Everett, Commander Douglas M. L. Neame and Commander Robert R. Graham.

The D.S.O. also goes to Lt. Ian Dudley de'Ath, Royal Marines, of Achilles, and Engineer-Commander Charles E. Simms, of Exeter.

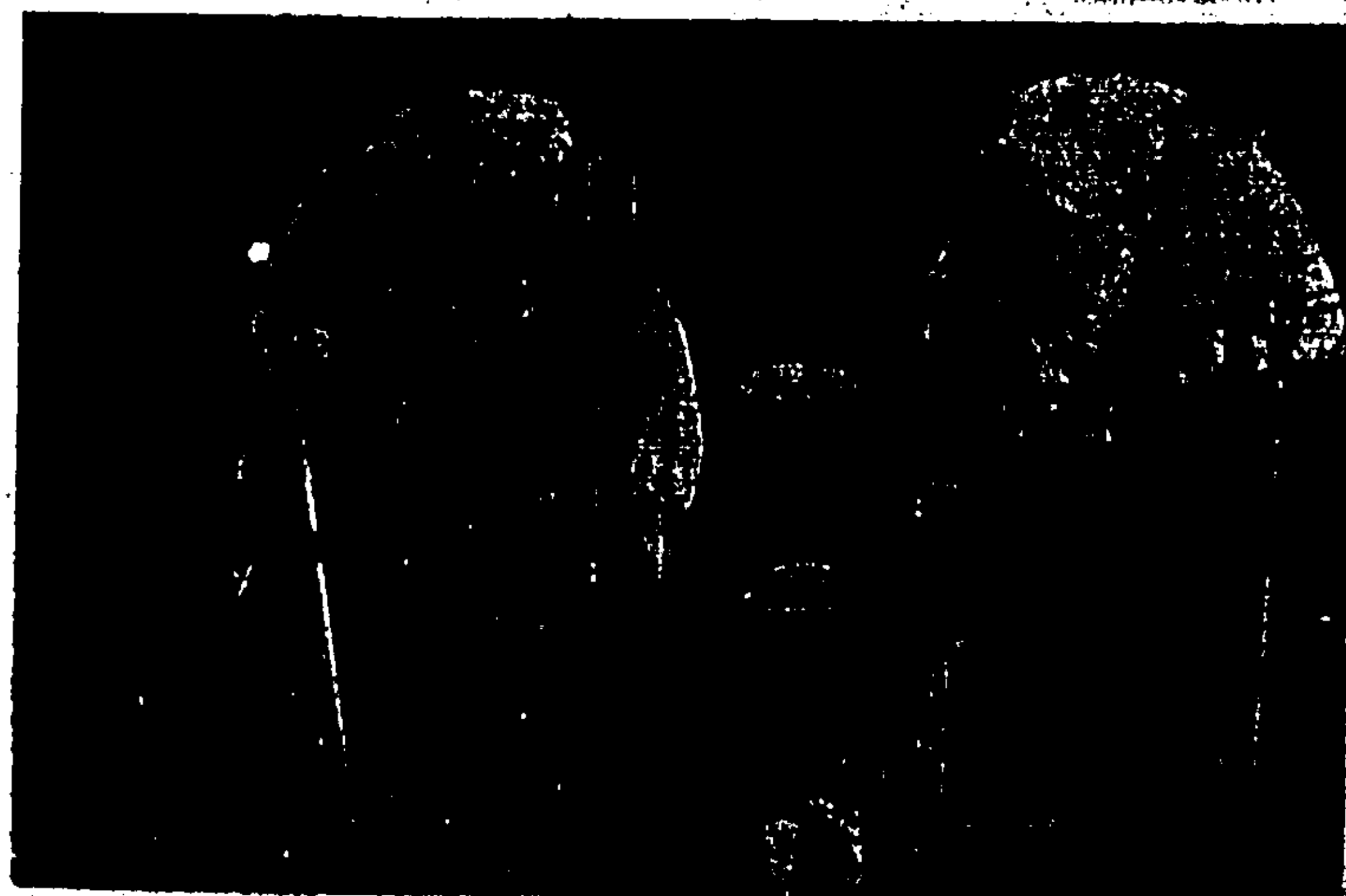
Seventeen D.S.C.'s are awarded, including to Lt-Comm. Desmond P. Dreyer, Lt. Norman Kelsoe Todd and Lt. Edgar D. G. Lewin, all of Ajax, Lt. George G. Cowburn, Surgeon-Lt. Colin G. Hunter, of Achilles, and Commander Charles J. Smith, Commander Richard B. Jennings, Lt. Aidan E. Tasse, Surgeon-Lt. Roger Lancashire, Midshipman Archibald Cameron and Midshipman Roger Don, all of Exeter.

A number of Conspicuous Gallantry and Distinguished Service Medals are also awarded and there are a number of mentions in despatches.—Reuter.

GERMAN AIR LOSSES IN FRANCE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE R.A.F. STATES THAT ALLIED FIGHTERS AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS HAVE SHOT DOWN 47 GERMAN BOMBERS IN FRANCE SINCE THE WAR BEGAN.—REUTER.



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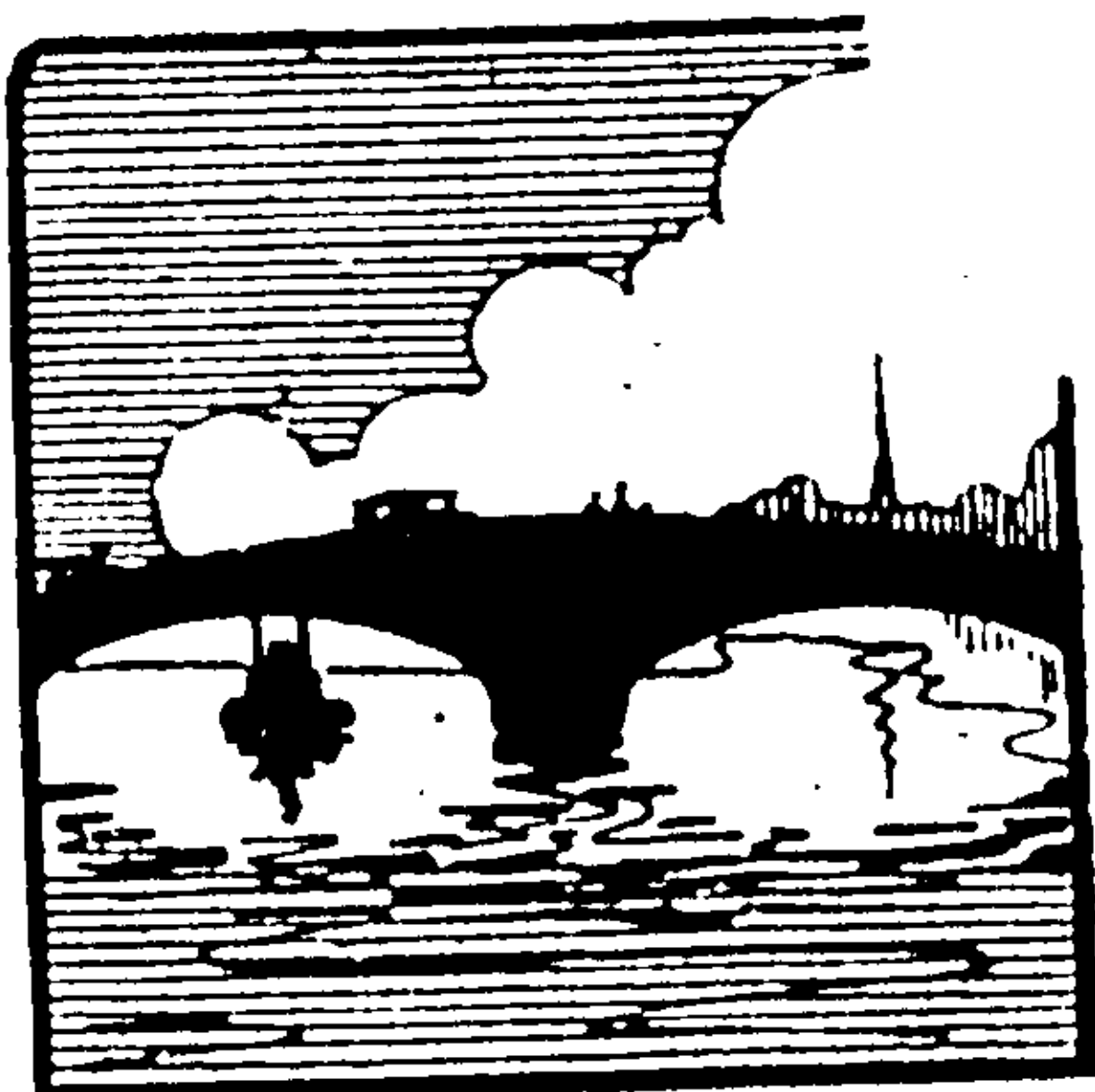
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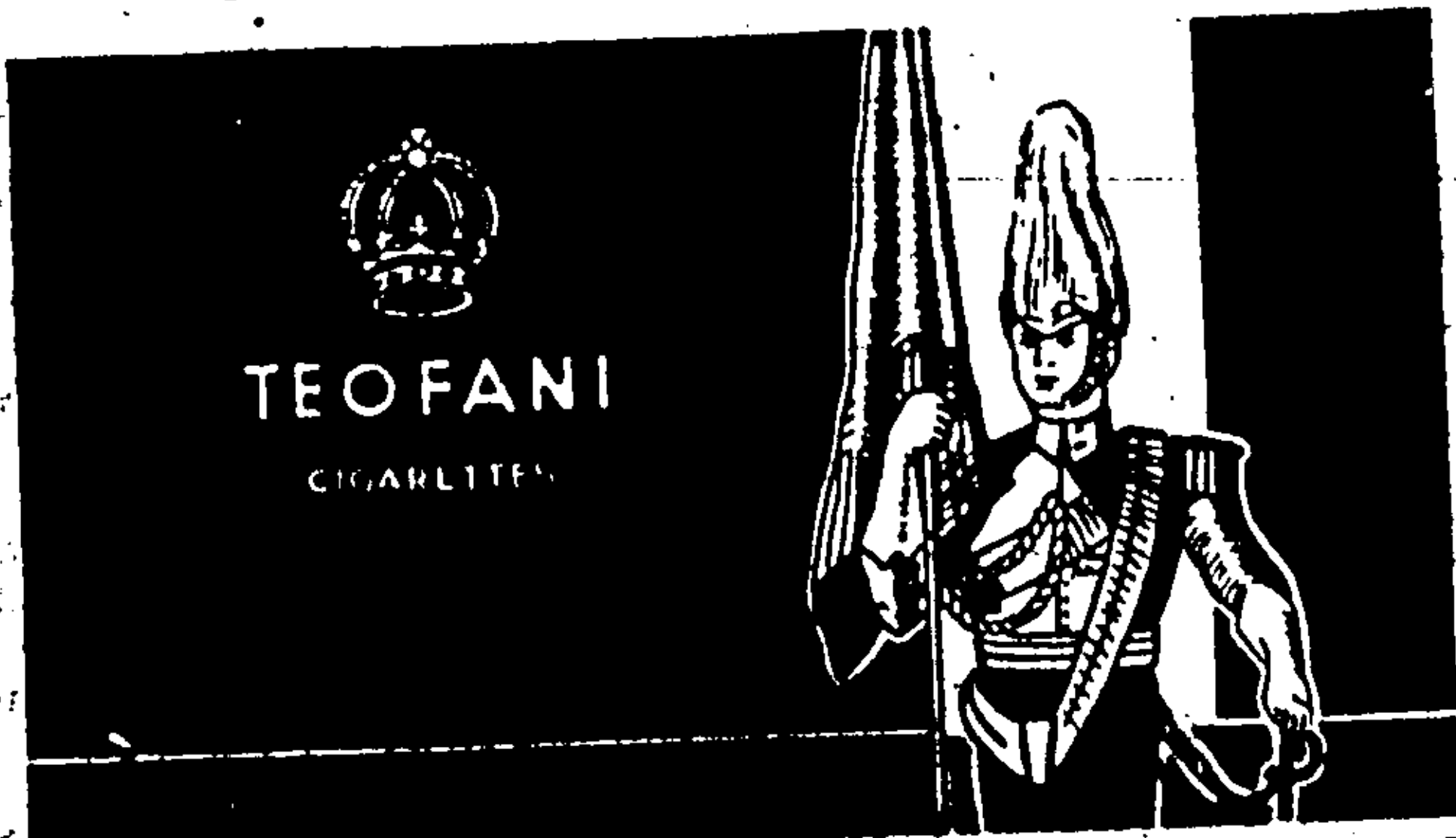


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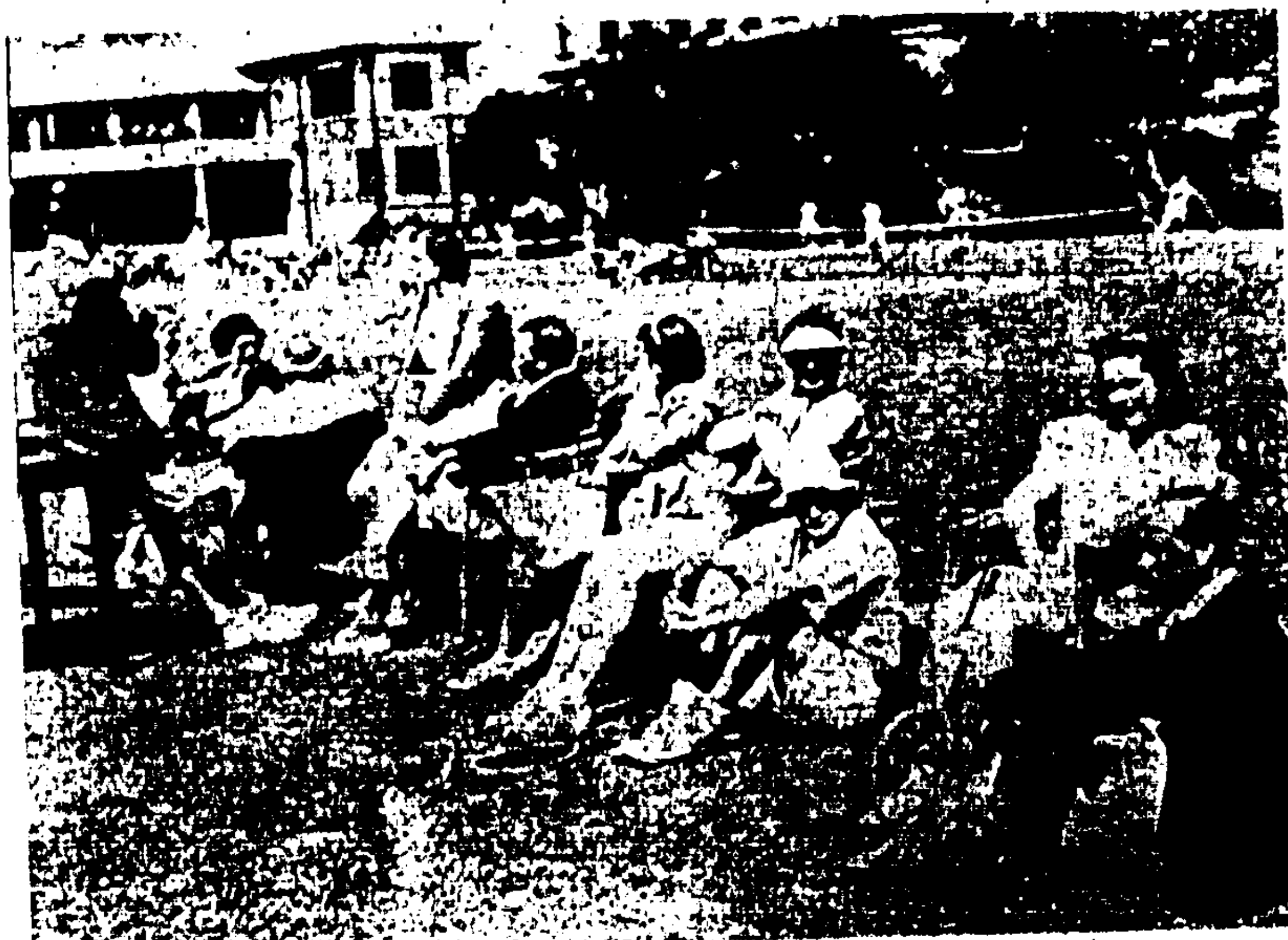
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These pictures were taken at the H.K.C.C. on Sunday when an American Mixed Doubles Tennis tournament attracted a big attendance and a large entry. Picture above shows some of the players and spectators on the main court.



Another group of competitors.



Tea-time, an attractive picture from the upper verandah of the club.



The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, playing in the tournament.

BARTER SCHEME

London, To-day.
The Ministry of Supply has notified the rubber market that the United States Government has agreed to extend the barter period until the end of September. The existing date has thus been extended by three months.—Reuter.

FRENCH FINANCE CONTROL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY. ●
NO GROUND WHATSOEVER EXISTS FOR A MALICIOUS REPORT IN THE GERMAN PROPAGANDA ACCORDING TO WHICH 27 CHINESE WHO RECENTLY SAILED FOR HOME FROM MARSEILLES WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE FRANCE ONLY AFTER ALL THE MONEY THEY POSSESSED WAS CONFISCATED BY THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES.

Apparently German propaganda tried to capitalise on the French capital export restrictions.

While no incident whatever occurred with Chinese leaving France, it is true that France, when war began, introduced a prohibition on the export of capital.

Maximum sum travellers can take when leaving France is fixed at 500 francs. However, upon delivery of a special permit by the Finance Ministry, the sum to be exported may be as much as 25,000 francs, and 10,000 francs a month may be exported later on.

Foreigners leaving France can obtain the transfer abroad of all their holdings in France.—Havas.

"NEUTRAL FRONT" IN SEA WAR URGED

London, To-day.
NEUTRAL INDIGNATION AT the sinkings of neutral ships by Germany is growing more and more.

Norway is still the greatest sufferer, the latest two losses bringing her total since the war began to 51 ships, totalling over 175,000 tons, while the lives of 350 Norwegian seamen have been lost.

Norway lodged official protests with Berlin on February 8, 12 and 13.

The Danish Government has forbidden Danish ships to sail in the North Sea south of Latitude 61, except in the company of other neu-



Sigrid Gurle and Basil Rathbone in Universal's "Rio," now showing at the King's Theatre.

PALESTINE APPLAUDS BRITAIN'S NEW POLICY FOR THE COLONIAL EMPIRE

London, To-day.
IN PALESTINE YESTERDAY, the Arabic newspaper "Addifaa" in an editorial stressed that the importance of the colonial development scheme lies in the fact that it was declared in wartime, when the need for funds is urgent. The "Assirat Almustaquim" says the British Government has done well in declaring this policy.

The Hebrew journal "Davan" declares: "The best evidence of the economic force of the Empire and the financial power of Britain also shows the political efficiency and psychological steadiness which enables British statesmen to extend their concern to matters not directly connected with the war.

"Extension to the mandated territories seems a consequence of the decidedly pro-British stand taken by the population. The British mandated countries regard the fight against Nazism as their own and they are ready to make every effort required."

The Caracas newspaper "Ahlea" says: "The statement of colonial policy disproves completely propaganda accusing Britain of oppression in the Empire. The perfect union of the Empire is the key to victory. The British Empire forms a granite-like block."—Reuter.

Intense Satisfaction

London, To-day.
The statement on the Government's colonial policy has caused intense satisfaction throughout the Colonial Empire.

The Jamaica newspaper "Gleaner" writes: "It is a remarkable programme. It goes farther than most of us suspected. The Imperial Government is making a notable effort on behalf of its tropical possessions. The people of Jamaica must benefit greatly and they all are profoundly grateful."

In Barbados, according to "The Times" reports, the press greeted the announcements in similar terms.

In Kenya, the "East African Standard" writes editorially: "There is a quality of high-minded purpose and sincerity about the White Paper which gives the work of trusteeship a reality."

Gratification is expressed in Cyprus, where the "Cyprus Post" writes: "That a considerable amount of this money is coming to Cyprus is certain and in the present Governor we have a man capable of planning boldly and with instinct for developing the assets and economic resources of the island."

In Palestine there is gratification amongst Arabs and Jews alike. — British Wireless.

JAPANESE RETIRING?

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.
A CHINESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN DECLARED TO-DAY THAT ABOUT A DIVISION OF JAPANESE TROOPS DEFEATED RECENTLY ON THE SOUTH KWANGSI FRONT HAD BOARDED SHIPS IN YAM-CHOW BAY.

The spokesman claimed that heavy casualties were inflicted upon the retreating Japanese at Tatong, Tongpo and Slutung on the Nanning-Yamchow highway.

The spokesman said that remnant Japanese troops on the Nanning-Pinyang and Nanning-Wuming highways had mostly been "mopped up" and fighting was in progress between Santung and Ssutang, north-east of Nanning. — Central News.

DYNAMITE ATTACK

PARIS, TO-DAY.
A GERMAN PATROL WHICH TRIED TO RAID A FRENCH OUTPOST YESTERDAY HURLED STICKS OF DYNAMITE JUST AS DID THE ASTURIAN MINERS IN THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR.

The French were occupying three houses on the edge of a deserted village.


Hand-grenades as well as dynamite were thrown at the French and one of the houses was set on fire.

The attackers were beaten off before they could approach within effective throwing distance.—Reuter.

SUSPECT CAUGHT AT PRAT BUILDING

With six previous convictions, Tsol Chuen was this morning sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon for loitering, possession of a key for unlawful purpose, larceny and unlawful pawning.

It was stated that accused was seen by a European lady loitering at No. 2, Prat Building yesterday morning. He was taken to the police station, where he admitted stealing clothing from a house in Lock Road in December. The key was found in his possession.

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**MIRROR OF WORLD
OPINION****WAR AND ITS ORIGINS**

How fully justified Mr. Churchill was, in his fine speech at Manchester, to include faithlessness among the major evils Great Britain and France are fighting, is conclusively shown in a careful and judicious comparison of the contents of the official publications on the origin of the present war—British, French, and German—which can leave no doubt at all in the mind of an impartial reader where the responsibility for its outbreak lies. It is not the facts alone which place the blame upon the Nazi leaders. The outlook and the methods of the respective parties impose the same conclusion even more convincingly. On the French and British side there is an earnest, even simple, desire to maintain good relations all round and maintain the peace, with readiness to consider fully, and make every allowance for, any opposing view. On the Nazi side there is arrogance, impatience, bluster, threats, and cunning, which inspire a feeling of mistrust, even when associated with some proposal in itself commendable. The final and most glaring example of this was the last-minute plan for the settlement of the Danzig and Corridor problem. It was so elaborate that it must have taken long to prepare; but it was only announced to the world on the very eve of the invasion of Poland, and when German troops were already on the march. That it was broadcast before the Warsaw Government had had the chance of considering it at all showed conclusively that the whole thing was a propagandist manoeuvre—which is still being exploited inside Germany.

The same note of insincerity runs through the whole German volume of documents, which has serious omissions and even stoops to remove vital sentences from the British Prime Minister's speeches. Ribbentrop contributes to it a characteristically dishonest and partisan preface, in which he seeks to make up the reader's mind for him by informing him at the outset that England was "exclusively and alone" responsible for the war. She "willed the war in order to destroy Germany"—and this from the man who had assured Hitler time after time that Great Britain would not fight. It is clear that even in the latest phase of the negotiations he still thought on two occasions that Great Britain would not keep her pledged word to Poland, first when he concluded his compact with Stalin, and again after the military defeat of Poland. He judged others by his own standards. He himself threw over without a qualm all his anti-Bolshevik professions, abandoned his former protector, the Baltic States, and left to her fate in the hour of her need the Finland which Germany had helped to create. His residence in London had profited him little. He did not understand that Great Britain's policy could not possibly conform to his own debased standards.

Another revealing item is the use of the word "friendly" in Nazi diplomacy. Great Britain is freely accused of obstructing Germany's efforts to secure friendly relations with her neighbours. The friendly intentions are "proved" mainly by extracts from Hitler's speeches—which might be made to prove anything. His acts towards his neighbours are in greater part passed over in silence. Nor is this a matter for wonder. They speak for themselves very eloquently, British "obstruction" did not prevent the

German Government from doing what it wished in Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, and Poland—and what has the accomplishment of the Nazi will meant to them? Brutal oppression, exploitation for the benefit of the Reich, executions, and plunderings. Ribbentrop's remarkable act of "friendship" towards France in December, 1938, is now also seen in its true light. After Munich he himself proposed a visit to Paris, in order to sign an agreement similar to that which Hitler signed with the British Prime Minister at Munich itself. In Paris he had confidential conversations with the leading French statesmen, and he now makes it appear that France then "completely severed" her connexion with Eastern European problems.

As Lord Halifax said at Leeds the other day, Nazi "understandings" with other States appear simply as steps towards the achievement of individual ambitions. Promises and assurances have been used as deceitful sedatives. Treaties are ladders to be kicked down as soon as they have helped the Nazi robber over the wall. Such is the universal mistrust inspired by Nazi promises that the offer of a German guarantee is now positively regarded as a danger-signal. The record of seven years of Nazi diplomacy has at least had the result of depriving it of its power to delude. Its tricks stand out too clearly—the deliberate provocation of an adversary until he takes an imprudent step or explodes in an outburst of indignation, and is then promptly accused of "unheard-of provocation."—The Times.

COMMONPLACE

The Diet speech of Premier Admiral Yonai, outlining his Government's administrative policy, fell flat on our ears. It lacked contents worthy of particular comment. The Premier stressed the necessity of enhancing the original spirit of the Japanese nation such as characterized our forefathers upon the founding of this Empire 2,600 years ago. This is nothing new for the Premier to state. He also referred to the Government's efforts to adjust Japan's foreign relations, on "an independent footing." He then covered the Government's wartime economic policy, on the basis of low prices, disposal of the China Affair by giving assistance to the new China regime under Wang Ching-wei, and other matters.

All that he said is quite commonplace. If we are to summarize what might be considered as the main points of the Yonai platform, they may be reduced to the following, completion of defence preparations, enhancement of national spirit, development of economic power and stabilization of the nation's livelihood under the wartime situation.

The next Government speaker, Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita, al-

BONDS OF PEACE

The Vatican and the Quirinal, separated by the Tiber, are united by bonds of peace in the memory and religion of their fathers and their ancestors. The waves of the Tiber have overwhelmed and buried in the depths of the Tyrrhenian Sea the troubled memories of the past, and olive branches once again flourish on its banks. To-day for the first time for many years the hand of the Pontiff is raised in blessing with the sign of peace—Italy looks on and rejoices—the whole Catholic world looks on and rejoices.—The Pope.

so made no forceful statement. He explained rather in detail past developments in Japanese-Soviet negotiations, but he threw little light on the diplomatic situation with Germany, Italy, Britain and the United States, beyond what is generally known. His slogan of "moral diplomacy" sounds too prosaic.

Finance Minister Yukio Sakurawachi was elaborate in his efforts to recount the latest developments in the economic and financial situation. But his speech also lacked force and power. He failed to make any concrete indication as to the positive policy which his administration is calling upon to enforce. —Asahi Shimbun.

British Naval Concentration At Petsamo

U-BOATS BLAME IT ON THE FISHING BOATS

The loss of two German submarines "sunk by British submarine traps, namely armed merchant or fishing boats," since the beginning of the war was admitted by an authorised source in Berlin.

This is the first time Germany has admitted submarine losses. It is an obvious and weak attempt to excuse the murderous attacks on helpless fishing boats.

GRAF SPEE BATTLE HEROES ON PARADE

London, To-day.

The march of the officers and men of H.M.S. Ajax and H.M.S. Exeter through the City to Guildhall to-day will afford Londoners the first opportunity of greeting members of the fighting services whose gallantry has earned them universal glory.

Seven hundred and sixty members of the company of the two cruisers will reach Waterloo at about 10 o'clock this morning and will proceed to Horse Guards Parade for inspection.

They will then march in procession along Victoria Embankment to Guildhall, where they will be entertained at luncheon by the Lord Mayor, Sir William Coxen, and the City Corporation.

The Lord Mayor will propose the principal toast, to which Captain Woodhouse, of Ajax, and Captain Bell, of Exeter, will respond.

Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, will also speak.

The companies of the two ships honoured total 1,150, so the draw was resorted to for selection of the fortunate 760.—Reuter.

HOME SHARE BOOST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

INDUSTRIALS CONTINUED TO BE THE MAIN SOURCE OF YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITY ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND PRICES IN ALL SECTIONS REFLECTED THE PRESENCE OF FRESH BUYING.

The removal of the minimum price for London Passenger Transport "C" stock was responsible for increased interest in home rails.

Initial dealings in this stock were on the basis of 48 to 52, and the price closed at around 52½.

Shipping shares attracted attention. After hours a dividend for the year of 1½ per cent. was announced on London, Midland and Scottish ordinary shares.

Courtauld's total dividend was seven per cent. compared with four per cent. last year.

Wall Street was closed.—Reuter.

Uneasiness In Moscow Reported

OSLO, TO-DAY.

THE MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT OF THE "AFTONBLADET" SAYS THERE IS UNEASINESS IN MOSCOW AT THE REPORTED SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF BRITISH NAVAL UNITS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF PETSAMO.

It is not, however, believed that the British warships will undertake any operations against the Soviets. It is thought in Moscow that the aim of the British warships is to hinder German-Russian trade via Murmansk.

The Soviet Government, it is stated in Moscow, would not take any action against Great Britain so long as the British fleet moves outside Russian territorial limits, which are closely watched by Red naval units, but immediately the British entered Russian waters the Red Navy would start war operations.

Similarly an armed conflict might occur, the correspondent adds, if the British were to sink any Russian merchantmen.

SHARPLY AGGRAVATED

The correspondent concludes that the situation in the far north has become sharply aggravated and dramatic events may be expected at any moment.

The Russian Navy Commissar, Kuznetsov, has left for Murmansk by air, and the correspondent declares the whole Red fleet in the Arctic Ocean is prepared for action.—Reuter.

TOKYO FAIRY STORIES

Chungking, To-day.

A broadcast from Tokyo yesterday alleging that Lieut.-General Liu Shang-chih, a divisional commander, committed suicide at Maping in central Hupeh on February 10, General Liu Chien-hsu, an army commander, was killed in a Japanese air raid, Lieut.-General Yang Yu-ting, a divisional commander, was executed by a firing squad on February 18 and Lieut.-General Li Tsu-pei, a divisional commander, is missing, drew an emphatic denial from a military spokesman in an interview with the Central News to-day.

The spokesman declared that there are no Chinese divisional commanders named Yang Yu-ting and Li Tsu-pei. The Japanese only made "a laughing stock" of themselves by issuing such "ghost stories."

Lieut.-General Liu Shang-chih, the spokesman said, recently came to Chungking and is very much alive.

General Liu Chien-hsu has just sent a telegram to Chungking reporting the success of his troops.—Central News.

USELESS NAZI EFFORT

London, To-day.

The Nazi's ruthless efforts, apparently aimed at breaking the nerves of the men manning British trawlers and fishing-craft, have had the opposite effect.

As already reported, there has been a great response of fishermen and volunteers for mine-sweeping work.

The older men are just as keen, however, and in the House of Commons next week the Prime Minister will be asked to consider abolishing the maximum age limit of 45.—Reuter.

SURVIVORS OF "TARA" LANDED

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

SURVIVORS FROM THE NETHERLANDS 4,700-TON SHIP TARA, 23 IN NUMBER, WERE LANDED YESTERDAY ON THE NORTH COAST OF SPAIN.

The ship was off Cape Finisterre and at about 2 a.m., the survivors report, they were awakened by a loud explosion. As they were launching their lifeboats, there was a second explosion.

One lifeboat, with 12 other members of the crew, is still missing.

The Tara was bound from the Argentine to the Netherlands with a cargo of wheat for the Netherlands Government.—Reuter.

POLICY APPROVED

Stockholm, To-day.

All parties in the Swedish Parliament have endorsed the Swedish Government's policy of withholding military aid to Finland.—Reuter.

HE PULLED A FAST ONE--WITH A ZIPPER!

A bachelor beat five fathers in a baby napkin contest at Kansas City, U.S.A., by doing the job in 1.02s., which is claimed to be a world record.

How did he do it? He used a napkin with a zipper! The best time by a woman is 6.5s.

EMBARGO PROPOSAL SHELVED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT FACT THAT THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY COMPLETELY IGNORED THE PROPOSAL REGARDING THE IMPOSITION OF AN ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST JAPAN, IS PROMINENTLY FEATURED BY THE "NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE."

The paper reports that the Committee's failure to examine it was due to a special request by the State Department which asked that all such proposals be treated with the utmost caution.

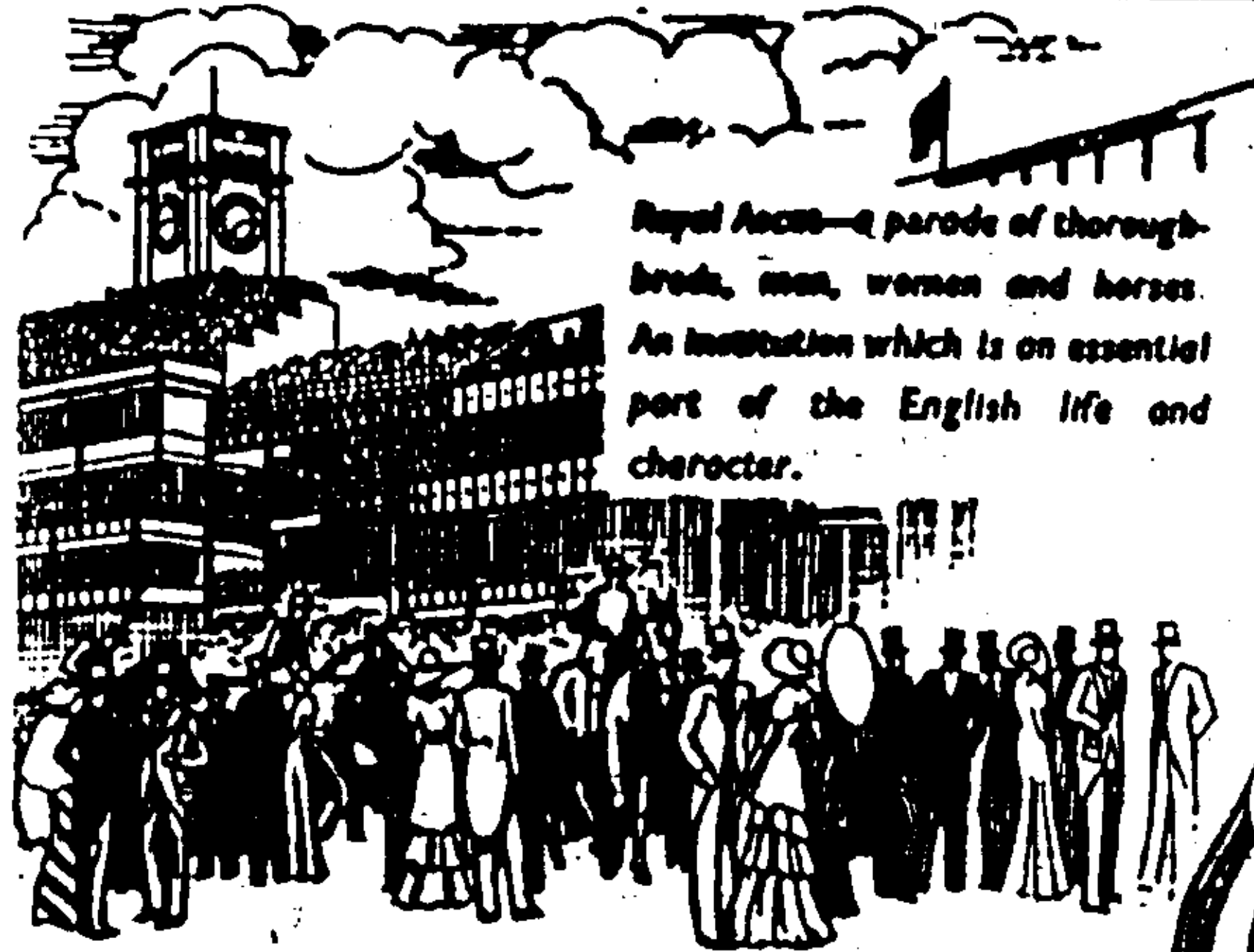
In this connection, the paper recalls the recent statement by Senator Barkley, the democrat from Kentucky, that the State Department is at present parleying with Japan to conclude a new trade treaty.—Havas.

BRITISH PAVILION TO FUNCTION IN N.Y.

London, To-day.

The Secretary for Overseas Trade stated in reply to a Commons question that the British Pavilion at the New York World Fair, which was an overwhelming success last year, is to be reopened.—British Wireless.

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TERMS OF SERVICE FOR BRITISH VOLUNTEERS

London, To-day.

THE PRIME MINISTER, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, replied in the House of Commons yesterday to questions on voluntary aid for Finland.

He said he understood that the terms of service for British subjects who volunteered for service in the international force operating in Finland had been arranged between the Finnish Aid Bureau and the Finnish Government.

CANTON "VICTORY" PARADES

Canton, To-day.
Aeroplanes distributed handbills and crackers were let off yesterday during Japanese-sponsored "victory celebrations" following reports of big Japanese successes in north Kwangtung and south Kwangsi.

The "celebrations" began at 10 a.m. and lasted throughout the day. A mass parade was held in which 50,000 took part, and last night there was a lantern procession.

The curfew hour had been extended till mid-night.—Reuter.

TURKISH WAR REGIME MEASURES

Istanbul, To-day.

The Government is drawing up regulations with a view to applying without delay the special powers conferred by the Emergency Law, according to a message from Ankara.

In view of the influence which the war has had on Turkey's economic structure, the first step will be the classification of all exporters and importers into easily controllable groups.

Cost prices will be drastically checked and fixed selling prices established.

Measures will also be taken to accumulate stocks and to ensure ample supplies for national defence requirements. — Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE UNIONISTS IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

A delegation of British Trade Unionists, led by Sir Walter Citrine, arrived here yesterday for one of a series of monthly conferences with French Trade Union leaders.

A meeting was held in the afternoon and the talks will be continued to-day.

A British Labour Party delegation, headed by Mr. C. R. Attlee, is also in Paris at present. They conferred with French Socialist leaders yesterday and decided to hold regular meetings like the French and British Trade Unionists.—Reuter.

Mr. J. MacGovern (Independent Labour) asked whether it was not unjust and a great contradiction that volunteers who might be wounded or killed should be refused pensions when the League of Nations was prepared to give Finland assistance and the British Government was giving arms and permission to volunteers to go.

Mr. Chamberlain said the terms of service were properly arranged between those making the arrangements for enlistment in Britain and the Finnish Government.

THE DISTINCTION

Questioned further on the matter of pensions, Mr. Chamberlain declared: "They are volunteers and it is not a matter with which we are concerned."

The Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson, also made a statement, declaring that no difficulties would be placed in the way of British subjects who desired to serve in Finland if they were volunteers approved by the Finnish Aid Bureau.—Reuter.

NO DIFFICULTIES

London, To-day.

Sir John Anderson, Home Secretary, Minister of Home Security, and Minister in charge of A.R.P., said yesterday that export permits would be granted to, and no difficulties would be placed in the way of, British subjects volunteering to fight for Finland, providing they are approved by the Finnish Legation.

Mr. Chamberlain was asked yesterday whether volunteers for Finland would be given a military pension if they were disabled or if their dependants would be given pensions if they were killed.

He replied that the terms of service had been arranged between the Finnish Aid Bureau and the Finnish Government. — Reuter.

GERMAN OFFICIAL WAR COMMUNIQUE

Berlin, To-day.

A communique states: "In the west the German air force is increasing its reconnaissance flights over eastern France."

"In spite of enemy fighter defence the German reconnoitring planes have suffered no losses."

"Attempts by enemy aircraft to reach Germany across the western front failed." — Reuter.

74,500 REFUGEES IN BRITISH ISLES

London, To-day.

It is officially estimated that 74,500 refugees from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland are now in the United Kingdom, stated Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a written reply in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Butler added it was unofficially estimated there were about 42,000 such refugees in France, 20,000 in Belgium and 23,000 in the Netherlands. — Reuter.



The Duke of Windsor who flew from France, in London "in an unofficial capacity simply on business." He booked a suite for three days at Claridge's Hotel and had a telephone conversation with the King. (Copyright, Fox).

NOT A LEG TO STAND ON

London, To-day.

The "Milwaukee Journal," commenting on the Altmark affair, says: "Norway let her territorial waters be used by Germany as a protected waterway to avoid the British blockade. It is difficult to see how Norway has a leg to stand on in her protest to Britain."

The "San Francisco Chronicle" declares: "The neutral world will grant no right to Germany in this affair."

The "Cleveland Plain Dealer" says: "The British are well aware that Germany has played fast and loose with the rights of her small neutral neighbours, and the Germans are not likely to get far in legalistic disputes."

The "Tampa Times" thinks the Altmark "had no right to take advantage of Norwegian neutrality and should be interned." — Reuter.

WOULD-BE SUICIDE RESCUED IN CRATER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

After laying three days in the crater of the Mihara Volcano on Oshima Island, near Tokyo, a would-be suicide was rescued last Sunday and gave a pleasant description of the interior of the volcano, adding that he was kept warm by the fumes.

A watchman on the mountain heard cries for help early in the morning. He peered over the edge and saw a man lying on a large rock.

Calling hikers, the watchman, secured with a rope, was lowered into the crater and rescued the man who explained that being fed up with life, he jumped into the volcano and woke up "some hours later" finding himself on the edge of a rock.

Looking down he could see lava bubbling below.

The authorities fear renewal of the "Oshima Suicide" craze of four years ago when dozens of young people, often couples, daily jumped into the crater.

A fence still stands around the crater while police are constantly watching all hikers visiting the spot. Only return tickets are issued by the small company running the boat service to the Island. — Havas.

EMPIRE WAR EFFORT

London, To-day.

In Southern Rhodesia yesterday, the acting Minister for Defence and Air said that three complete air training schools are to be established in that Colony.

In Canada, the War Supply Board has approved the purchase of 500 aeroplanes, with spares, at a cost of £1,500,000.

Mr. Mackenzie King announces in connection with a second Canadian Division for overseas that already 70,000 men are under arms in Canada's active service forces, 9,000 men in the air force and 6,000 men in the navy.

This number will be increased by the tens of thousands and Canada's Air Force Co-Operation Squadron will soon be joining the First Canadian Division overseas.

The Canadian Finance Minister announces that the war will cost Canada £125,000,000 for the year ending next month—£31,000,000 more than was originally estimated.—Reuter.



OFF TO PHOTOGRAPH THE SIEGFRIED LINE—An R.A.F. pilot takes on board his aerial camera before going on a photographic reconnaissance over the Siegfried line. (Air Mail Copyright).

News Snack Bar

THIS SNIPER IS "GEORGE" TO OUR TOMMIES

Maginot Line, January 17.

"GEORGE" IS A German sniper who lives like a bird in the trees that partially conceal the German outposts opposite our own. And like a noisy bird, he is more of a nuisance than a menace.

He comes out before dawn, complete with his rations for the day, and for as many hours as it is light looses off at anything he sees moving about. To date his bag is nil: his nuisance value fairly high.

In the last few days he has been less active, for the men at whom he shoots have more or less located him; and they are teaching him to keep his head down. Sometimes they do it with a sudden burst of machine-gun fire, sometimes with a rifle to which telescopic sights have been attached.



A typical pilot of the Royal Canadian Air Force. (Fox Copy-right).

Between dawn and dusk "George" is almost the only person on or opposite to the British sector of the Maginot Line who shoots at all; for this is a strange war, and neither side does much to molest the activities of the other.

Because the sky is now cloudless all day visibility is better than it has yet been; and from the outposts this morning our men could clearly see Germans moving unconcernedly upon the far side of the disputed territory that is called No Man's Land.

At one moment three mounted men rode slowly across an open space; but there was no firing from our side any more than there is from the German when our men similarly expose themselves, as they sometimes have to do.

We know that there are German machine-gun posts in certain places just as they must know where ours are; but nothing happens.

DECK-CHAIRS ROUND FIRE

At our own machine-gun posts the men have begun to make themselves as comfortable as the cold weather will allow, and have even got out a couple of deck-chairs that they found in a deserted and ruined house, and in these they sit round the fires that they manage to supply from the wood in which they are stationed.

That tranquillity by day — punctuated occasionally by "George" and by the distant firing of artillery — is disturbed at night only by patrol work, when silent men move carefully through the woods and usually return some hours later with another little piece of information that helps to complete our knowledge of the enemy and of his intentions.



Three pilots at Trenton, Ontario, in Oxford Medium Bombers, swoop in formation. (Fox Copyright).

Customs Seize Batteries

Between £200 and £300 worth of torches and batteries have been seized by Customs officials in South Armagh, Northern Ireland. The articles, it is alleged, have been illegally imported from Elre.

Smile Ends Judge's 18 Years' Service

With a bow to the Bar and a happy smile, Mr. Justice Branson completed eighteen years' judicial duties at the Law Courts and passed into retirement without ceremony of any kind.

Only one junior counsel was present at the close of the day's business to return the judicial bow and smile.

There were no farewell speeches, and no reference to his great services.

He was not even wearing his judicial robes, for he was sitting in Chambers to deal with a few commercial summonses.

U-Boat's Victims Claim

Lieutenant-Commander Herbert Schultze, whose U-boat has just returned from her third trip in British waters, has sunk 80,380 tons of Allied shipping, the Official German News Agency claimed.

Holiday By Custom. Law

Claim of 4,000 miners employed by the Amalgamated Anthracite Company at their four Vale of Neath, Glam., collieries, that they were entitled by custom to take a holiday on Neath Annual Fair Day was upheld at Neath County Court.

The men, sued for alleged breach of contract, by absenting themselves from work on this day, were given judgment with costs. Witnesses for the men said that in more than fifty years at the collieries they had never worked on Neath Fair Day.

Brought In 1914-18 Mine

A mine which, from its markings, is known to date from the last war, has been brought ashore near Caen (France) by a French trawler.

Pioneer Star Dies

Flora Finch, English comedy actress who attained world-wide celebrity in pioneer film days as leading lady to John Bunny, the fat comedian, died in Hollywood.

'Old Bill'

To Be Filmed

By permission of the War Office, a film unit has left for France to make "Old Bill and Son" for Legeran Films, Ltd. Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather is in charge. His collaborator is Ian Dalrymple, who wrote "The Lion Has Wings."

Paris To Have

"Rue Helsinki"

Paris Municipal Council has passed a resolution that a street in Paris should be named "Rue Helsinki." A councillor added that the "Rue de Moscou" should be the street to be renamed.



Ten thousand pilots a year for the next three years will go to Britain from Canada as a result of the Empire's training scheme. Numerous schools have been established and thousands of trainer aircraft ordered and men from all parts of Empire are pouring into Canada. These men and machines during a parade at Trenton, one of the big training centres. (Copyright, Fox).



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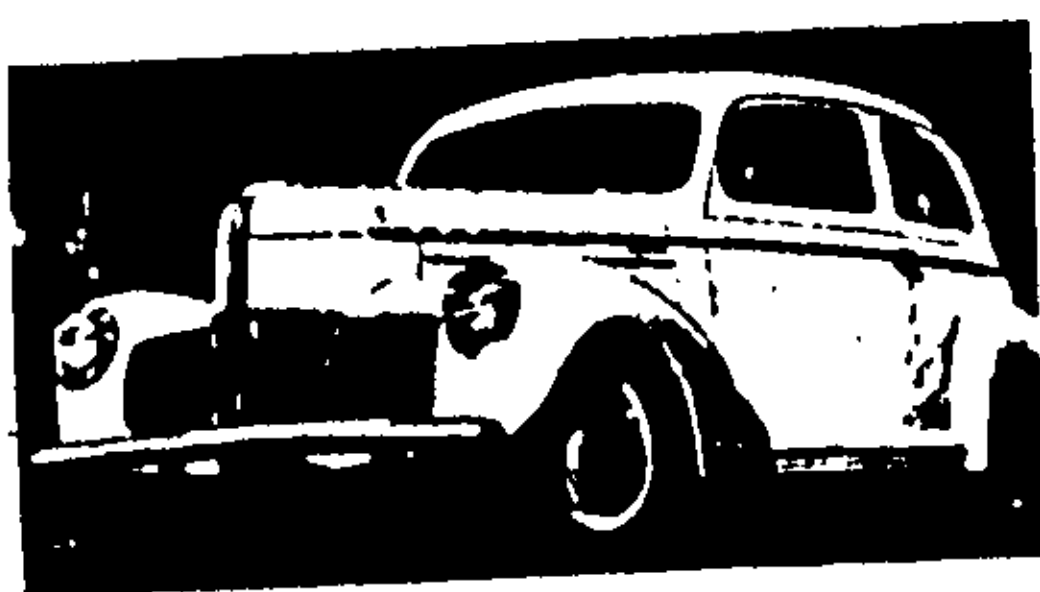
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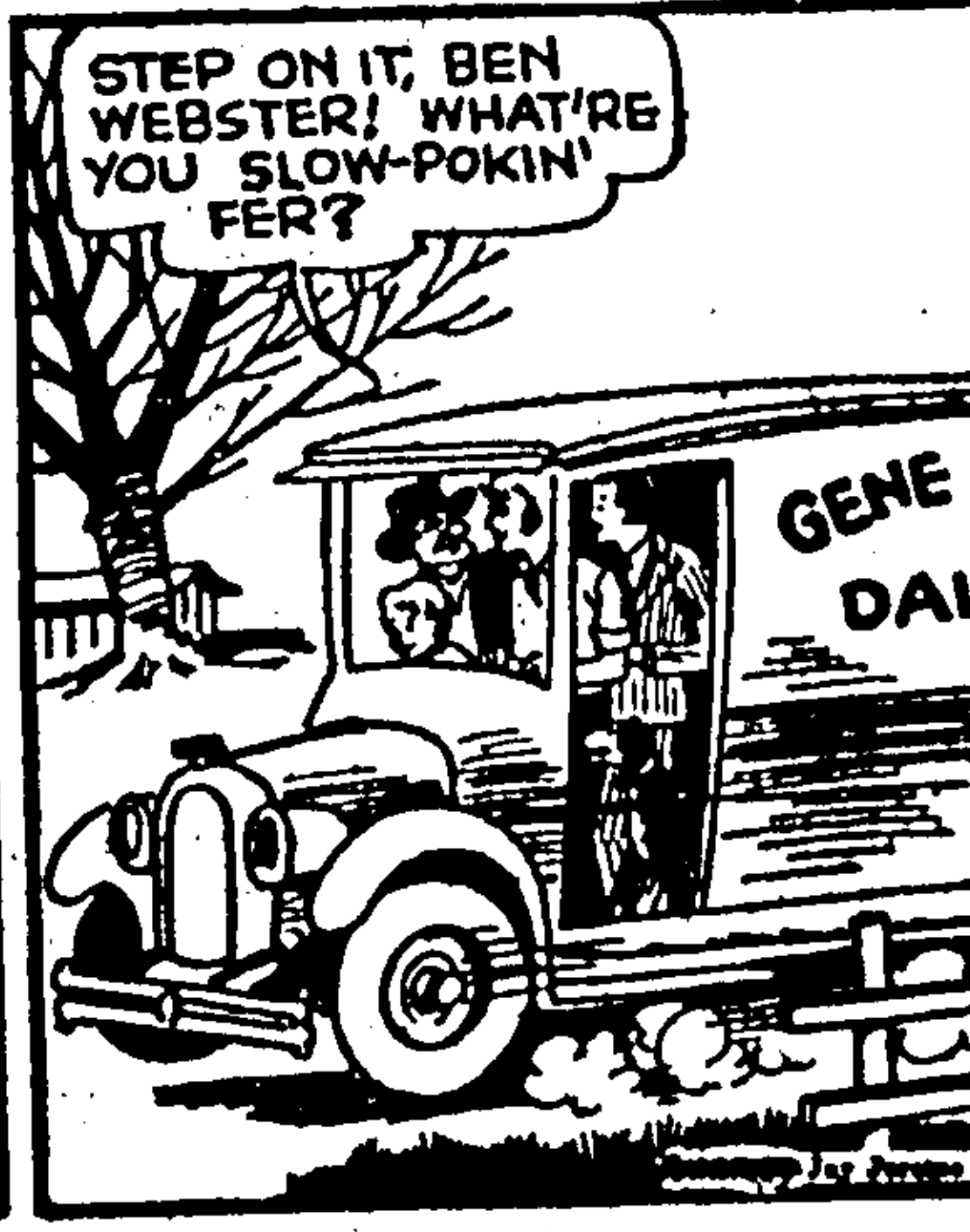
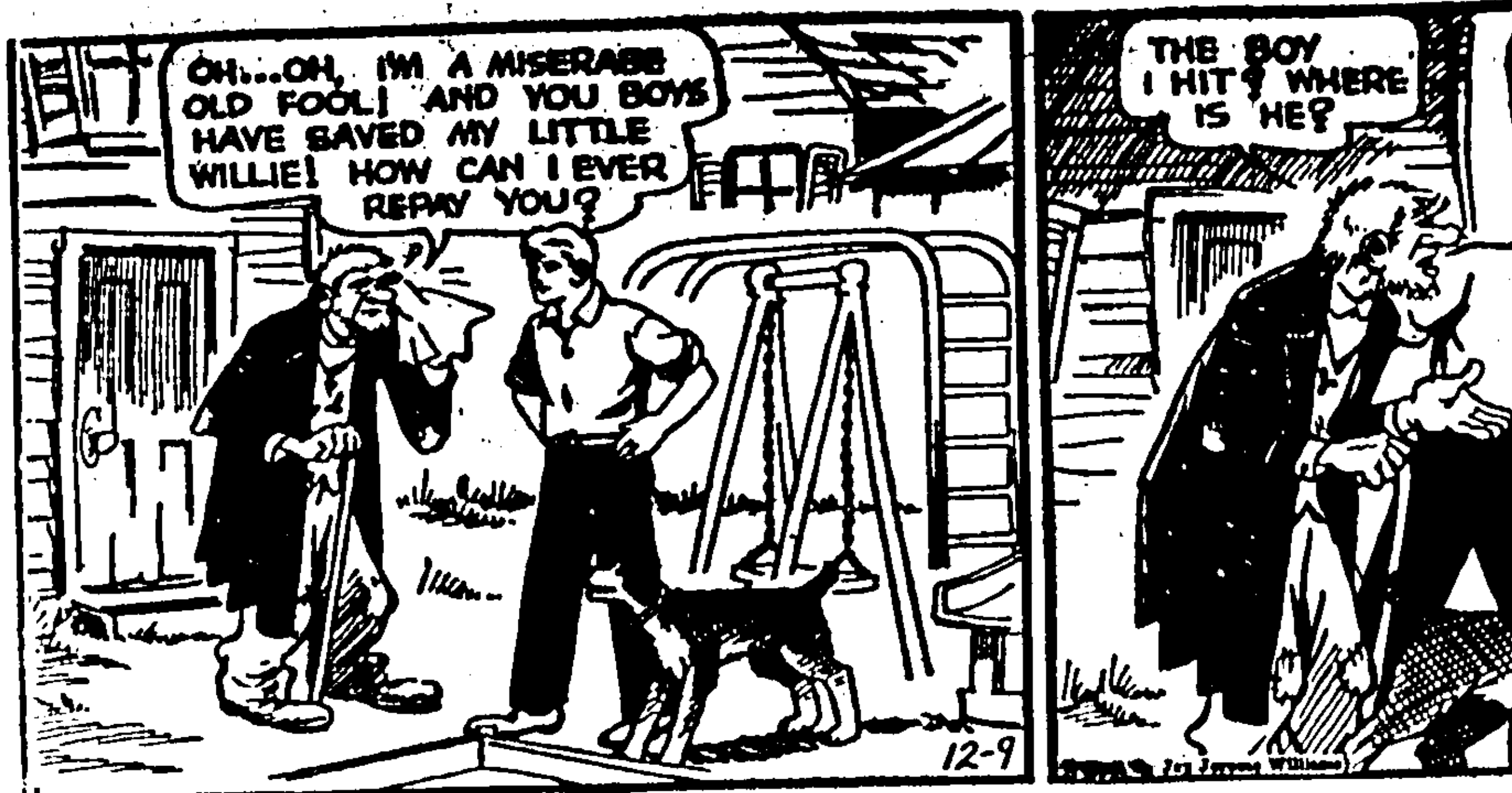
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SHORT STORY

THE PRETTY WIDOW

By Roland Daniel

It was a glorious day. The sun was shining brilliantly, the sky was of the deepest of deep blues, and the sea—

—which was as calm as the proverbial millpond—seemed almost as if it desired to apologise for disturbing the peace of that lovely morning, as it broke in tiny wavelets, with a sort of hissing sound, on the shingle barely half a dozen yards away from their feet.

Suddenly the woman reached out and laid her hand on that of the man next to her. Slowly her fingers began to twine into his.

"To-morrow, Socrates," she half-whispered.

Socrates Wilson turned to the woman next to him. "To-morrow, darling," he replied, and, lifting her hand to his lips, he kissed her finger tips.

"You do really love me, don't you?"

"My darling, I adore you. I think we'll be very happy together." And for a woman quite forty years of age the lady managed to blush quite prettily.

"You've arranged everything?" asked the man, and to a keen observer it would have been noticeable that there was a slight trace of anxiety in his tone.

The woman nodded her head.

"Everything," she replied. "This afternoon the Bank will have the money ready for me to draw out."

"Five thousand pounds—wasn't that the sum you told me?" And again there was a trace of anxiety in the man's tone.

"Five thousand pounds, darling. It's my little all," she added a moment later, and in doing so failed to hear the little sigh of satisfaction the man had been unable to keep back.

"I'll call for you in the morning, Ruby. We'll go straight up to town and get married. I've arranged for a special licence, and then away by aeroplane to Cannes to spend a most wonderful honeymoon in my little villa. Won't it all be just lovely?"

And the woman agreed that it would.

About an hour after the above conversation had taken place, that interfering and mysterious person—whose principal hobby in life was endeavouring to place behind prison bars criminals whom the police found it difficult to lay their hands upon because they kept themselves just within the law, and who called himself 'The Remover'—was strolling along the front of Littleplace-on-Sea where he had arrived that morning to spend a quiet holiday, when he came face to face with a somewhat flashily-dressed, self-satisfied-looking man of about thirty.

"Great heavens above, if it isn't my old friend, Socrates!" 'The Remover' stopped dead in front of the man who had been approaching him, so bringing that individual to a standstill also. "And what is little Socrates doing at Littleplace-on-Sea? I should have thought it was far too quiet a spot for him to find anything interesting in."

The man addressed looked at the speaker and there was a frown on his face as he replied:

"Sir, I don't think I have the honour of your acquaintance."

'The Remover' smiled.

"There are some people I know who wouldn't call it an honour but an infernal nuisance to know me at all," replied 'The Remover' with a smile.

"But surely little Socrates cannot possibly have forgotten the man whose evidence got him his last three years' stretch. I think, if I remember correctly, you uttered something quite uncomplimentary as to my personal character directly after the Judge had sentenced you."

If looks could have killed, Socrates Wilson would have struck 'The Remover' dead at his feet.

"I remember you now," he said with a snarl. "You're the damned interfering swine who calls himself 'The Remover'."

"Quite right, Socrates, my lad. I'm delighted to see your memory has not failed you entirely."

"Go to the devil!" growled the other.

"And I've only one wish in my heart,

Mr. Remover, and that is, that one of these days you meet a nasty sticky death."

"Be that as it may, Socrates, my old friend, I trust that before that time comes I shall have the pleasure of reading your obituary in the newspapers on the morning that they hang you by the neck until you're dead."

And having offered each other these sympathetic and kindly felicitations, the two men passed on.

Barely had 'The Remover' gone his way a dozen paces before he felt himself touched on the shoulder. He turned swiftly, expecting the man he had been speaking to a moment before had come back to add some more kindly wishes for his well-being.

But instead of Socrates Wilson, however, he found himself facing a big, red-faced man with a grey, bristling moustache who greeted him with:

"Good lord! I thought it was you, Dick, but I wasn't sure."

"Why, Major; how are you?" And 'The Remover's' face lit up with pleased surprise as he held out his hand.

"And what on earth are you doing in this outlandish little spot? I always thought it was about this time of the year you went to Monte Carlo."

"So I always have done for the last five years," replied the Major. "But this year I thought I'd like to spend a quiet six months at this delightful little spot. I've got a small bungalow up at the end of Sea View; you must come along there and spend an evening with me. And now, may I ask what you are doing down here?"

'The Remover' explained he had come down for a week's holiday.

"I chose Littleplace-on-Sea," he said, "because I knew it was quiet and I would not be likely to be bothered by a lot of people I didn't wish to meet."

"I trust you don't include me in the category of those you don't desire to meet," remarked the Major.

"Good lord, no! I'm tickled to death to see your jolly old beaming face. They tell me there's quite a good golf course somewhere about here. You and I, Major, must have a round one morning."

"Surely, surely," replied the Major, and then in a sort of hesitating tone of voice: "Excuse me, Dick. Don't think I'm being impertinent or anything like that, but was the man you were speaking to a moment or so ago an acquaintance of yours?"

"What man?" asked 'The Remover,' and then, as he suddenly remembered: "Oh, of course you mean Socrates Wilson?"

"Yes, that's the fellow's name," snapped out the Major. "Is he a friend of yours?"

"I should hardly class him as a friend. I've met him once or twice in places, that's all. Why do you ask me?"

The Major's face took on an even redder hue than was its usual tint. His moustache appeared to bristle fiercely.

"He's a bounder—that's what that fella is. A bounder, Dick—and I don't care a damn if you tell him what I've said."

"And I don't suppose Socrates Wilson would exactly burst into tears if I did," said 'The Remover' with a laugh. "Now, Major, tell me—what precisely has this man done to get so under your skin?"

"Come and have a drink, Dick, and I'll tell you. I always feel I require something to wash my mouth out whenever I have occasion to mention that snake in the grass."

"I believe I'm going to hear something interesting about Socrates Wilson," thought 'The Remover' to himself as he and the Major crossed from the front towards a sign which read: Saloon Bar.

"It's like this," explained the Major, after they had ordered their drinks. "The fella came down here about six weeks ago and had the infernal impudence to worm his way into what little society we do possess. Not that he was too willingly received, but damn it! he's got a skin like a rhinoceros. I don't believe you could insult

the man. But that's not the worst of it. About a month ago he had the colossal audacity to worm his way into the affections of the widow?"

"Ah! and who's the widow, Major?"

'The Remover' was becoming interested.

"The widow, Dick, is an exceedingly charming and pretty woman who lives in the next bungalow to mine."

"Ah!" muttered 'The Remover' again, and waited.

"And this hincmopoop, this bounder, has dared to steal away her affections."

"Steal them away from whom, Major?" asked 'The Remover,' with a whimsical look in his eye.

"From me, sir, me!" snapped out the Major, and then in a half faltering tone of voice: "Dick, my boy, just between you and me, if that bounder hadn't stepped in with his insidious ways, I honestly believe Ruby and I would have been engaged by now."

"Ah, so the lady's name is, Ruby, and she's charming and pretty and a widow. Has she any money, Major?"

"Sir?" said the Major, bristling all over.

"Now, now, my dear Major; don't get all het up. Don't imagine for a moment I'm suggesting you'd run after any woman's money. But I was just wondering if there was anything besides charm and good looks that might attract Socrates Wilson."

The Major calmed down. Looking 'The Remover' earnestly in the face, he said:

"Dick, my boy, it's my opinion it's that five thousand pounds he's after."

"So . . . o," said 'The Remover' between his teeth. "She has five thousand pounds, has she?"

"Hm . . . ha!" the Major spluttered a bit. "This is entirely between old friends. I'm not supposed to know, but Lambert told me."

"Lambert?" 'The Remover' arched his eyebrows. "And who's Lambert? Another of the lady's admirers?"

"Lambert, my dear Dick, is our local Bank manager, and he has, I may say, the same opinion as I hold about the person we're discussing, and the other night at the club he told me in confidence—a confidence I shouldn't break, Dick, except that Ruby had ordered him to realise on all her securities and that she was going to the Bank this afternoon to draw it all out in hard cash. About five thousand pounds, Lambert said it would amount to, and it's my honest opinion she's going to hand it over to that bounder, the little fool. And yet what can I do to prevent her? Nothing."

'The Remover' thought of quite a lot of things he might do, but he vouchsafed no opinion on that point. But he felt it was interesting to know at last the real reason Socrates Wilson sojourned in a spot like Littleplace-on-Sea.

"She'll regret this intrigue; she'll regret it, I know she will," went on the Major. "But damn it! Dick, what's the use of trying to warn a woman of forty when she imagines she's in love?"

"So the charming and pretty and five-thousand-pounds' worth of Ruby is forty, is she?" said 'The Remover.'

"Yes, yes; I can quite understand it's difficult to argue with a woman of that age."

The Major blew his nose. Perhaps it was in an endeavour to prevent a tear trickling down his cheek, but 'The Remover' was not sure.

"But, hang it, Dick, I love her—and it makes me see red to think she should fall for a bounder like that. Yet what can I do? I know nothing against the man—I wish I did. Why, damn it, I'd give my right hand for definite proof the fellow's a crook."

'The Remover' thought that if ever he had wished to possess the right hand of the Major, he would have a very easy way to obtain it. But he offered no comment on the man's remarks, for he felt what he knew about Socrates Wilson would in no way help the situation were he to inform the

other.

It is an undoubted fact that the Major would have been materially interested in his friend's behaviour after they had parted, had he been able to witness it; for the first thing he did was to cross again on to the front and have a conversation with one of those photographers who snap your picture as you walk along and then give you a ticket to call at some shop the following day where you can buy the reproduction of yourself with your arm about your best girl—or somebody else's wife, as the case may be—for the small sum of sixpence.

To this strolling camera man 'The Remover' gave a certain sum of money and received a promise in return. That the promise was fulfilled was proved by two instances that happened later in the day. The first was the remark of a pretty woman of about forty to a

man: "Oh, Socrates, did you see? That man took our photograph."

And the delivery to 'The Remover' at his hotel of a photograph of a man and woman walking arm in arm on the front of Littleplace-on-Sea.

"George," said 'The Remover' to his manservant, after he had examined the photograph and written a letter. "I fear I shall have to break your spell of taking the sea air and send you up to town by the night train. You will deliver this envelope by handing it to the person it is addressed to. You had better stay at some hotel for the night, as our house is shut up, and you can catch the first train back again in the morning. It leaves at seven o'clock and is due here at nine."

"Very good, sir," said George, who would have made the same reply had his instruction been to make a journey to the other side of the globe.

Now it happened that Socrates Wilson was staying in the same hotel as 'The Remover,' and perhaps this was unfortunate for Socrates Wilson. About ten o'clock that evening, 'The Remover' was sitting in the smoke-room enjoying a cigarette and a whisky and soda when the hall porter came up to him and said:

"He has given orders to be called at half past seven sir. Also, I have ascertained he has ordered a car from one of our local garages to pick him up here at ten minutes to nine, the car eventually to drive him to London."

"Thank you," said 'The Remover,' "and you might make a note that I desire to be called at seven o'clock."

It was another glorious morning as 'The Remover' strolled along the front in the direction of Sea View. Directly opposite the pretty widow's bungalow was a glass shaded shelter. 'The Remover' sat himself down on it, facing the sea so his back was to the road—not such an inconvenience as might have been supposed seeing he almost immediately took from his pocket a fair-sized mirror which gave him an excellent view of all that was taking place at his back.

In his mirror 'The Remover' saw a car drive up, and out of it got Socrates Wilson, who immediately walked up the narrow path and knocked at the widow's door. Turning the mirror a little 'The Remover' could just manage to see the Major's face gazing through the window of his bungalow. A smile came to 'The Remover's' lips as looking at his watch he rose to his feet at the same time. Two minutes to nine. A prolonged whistle sounded in the air away in the distance; a tiny streak of smoke could be clearly seen getting nearer and nearer. She would be in to time—good. 'The Remover' gave a sigh of relief.

Now there was only one thing to do—delay the departure of Socrates Wilson and the pretty widow. A taxi should reach Sea View from the station in five minutes and he guessed the person he was expecting would waste no time. Crossing the road, he made straight for the front door of the widow's bungalow and knocked.

It was Socrates Wilson who opened the door and who would have immediately closed it in 'The Remover's' hands.

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NEW INDUSTRIAL HOSTEL

Lady Northcote opened the new—and third—YWCA Industrial hostel yesterday afternoon at 143 Tam Kung Road, Kowloon. Mrs. Lam Woo presided and Lady Northcote was welcomed in a speech by Mrs. Lambeth Kwok.

For fifteen years the Hong Kong YWCA has carried on work among factory women and last year opened two industrial hostels—one at Causeway Bay and one at Wan Tsai.

The growing importance of Kowloon City as an industrial district has drawn thousands of women workers to that area; living conditions are crowded and expensive. This YWCA hostel will give a bed for \$1.20 a month; and by working cooperatively the girls can provide themselves with meals at \$3.50 a month; so that for less than \$5.00 a month the girls can find food and lodging in a YWCA hostel.

A representative of the industrial clubs of these centres, Miss Tse Wai-Hing, president of the Interclub Council of YWCA Industrial Clubs, expressed the thanks of the industrial girls to all who participated on this opening ceremony.

'SET FAIR'

A DIFFERENCE OF 13 DEGREES BETWEEN THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE RECORDED YESTERDAY AND THE LOWEST DURING THE NIGHT IS NOTED IN THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORT, THE FIGURES BEING 69 AND 56.

This morning at 10 a.m., the temperature was 61 degrees. The barometer at 30.29 inches indicates continuation of the fine weather.

The anticyclone is stationary over China, Japan, Indo-China and the neighbouring seas; pressure is highest in the vicinity of Shanghai.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC

The smallpox epidemic in Kowloon appears to be reaching even more serious proportions. Yesterday, ten further cases were notified from the Kowloon area.

There were also two smallpox cases in Victoria and one from the harbour.

The Medical Department return for the day also show two typhoid cases, four meningitis, one diphtheria and 40 tuberculosis.

BARREL OF FUN AT THE K.C.C.

A musical extravaganza entitled "A Barrel of Fun" will be the feature of the K.C.C. 'smoker' on Saturday, March 9, when the annual presentation of prizes for cricket, tennis, lawn bowls and billiards will take place. The prizes will be distributed by Mrs. R. E. Lindsell, wife of the President of the Club.

The show will begin at 9.15 p.m. and all members and their lady friends are invited.

ALLEGED MURDER IN REFUGEE CAMP

Li Kam, 25, paint scraper, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, charged with murder at Tai Hang Refugee Camp, Jardine Hill.

It was alleged that defendant killed a refugee, Li Kam-ho, during a quarrel.

Detective Inspector W. N. Darkin asked for 72 hours remand.

Mr. A. C. Jeffreys, of No. 240, Prince Edward Road, has reported the theft of tools from his motor car which was parked outside his residence.



The effort made by British industry in this war will go down in history as one of the determining factors of the struggle against Nazi aggression. Never before have the factories and munition works put on greater pressure. This picture was taken at a Royal Ordnance works "in the Midlands" where guns are being turned out for defences. Photo shows French journalists inspecting the barrels of 3.7 guns. (Air Mail).

THE PRETTY WIDOW

(Continued on Page 16)

face had not that man had the forethought to place his foot in the jump.

"Tut, tut, Socrates. Don't be rude and try to shut doors in people's faces," he said as he pushed the door open and entered what was a sort of hall-sitting room.

"Is someone going somewhere?" "The Remover" gazed on some bags piled up in the middle of the hall.

"Who is this man, Socrates?"

The question came in somewhat startled tones from the pretty widow. "The Remover" turned to the lady and bowed.

"A passing friend," he replied.

"I don't know him. I fancy he must be a madman," and Socrates Wilson stepped next to his ladylove as if to protect her from any harm.

"Socrates, Socrates; what a naughty person you really are, disclaiming an old acquaintance like that and belying an old friend by suggesting he is not quite compos mentis. Naughty, naughty of you," and "The Remover" shook his head disapprovingly.

"Socrates, kindly throw that man out of my house."

Socrates Wilson held his ground. Once some years previously he had seen "The Remover" tackle three toughs all at once; he remembered vividly what happened to the three—he had no wish for even a third of the damage to occur to himself.

"Socrates, did you hear what I said?"

The pretty widow's voice was raised in indignation.

"Oh, yes, madam—he heard you all right, but you see Socrates believes in discretion being the better part of valour. Besides, why trouble to have me thrown out, since I will be leaving in a minute or so of my own accord? I am merely waiting the arrival of a friend of our dear Socrates here."

The arrival of a friend? The police? Socrates Wilson's face blanched. "The

Remover," observing the change of colour, smiled.

"Yes, Socrates, you'll be surprised," he said, then added: "Oh, and by the way, has this charming but misguided lady yet parted with that five thousand pounds she so foolishly drew out of the bank yesterday?"

The startled expression which came over Socrates Wilson's face seemed to give "The Remover" his answer, for he went on quickly:

"Ah, I can see she hasn't. The spoils were to be handed over after the marriage, eh? Well, well, even widows can be wise at times."

"Socrates, are you going to . . . ?"

But before the widow could conclude, the sudden grinding of brakes as a taxi came to an abrupt stop outside the bungalow interrupted her, and a second or so later came a violent knocking at the front door.

It was "The Remover" who went to open it. The pretty widow appeared to be spellbound. Socrates Wilson was looking round for a means of escape.

"The Remover" flung the door open. No policeman stood on the step outside, just an undersized, frail-looking woman dressed in black.

"Ah, good morning, Mrs. Socrates Wilson. You're just in-time," was "The Remover's" greeting.

The frail-looking woman took one look round; apparently she took in the whole situation in that one glance. Finally her gaze came to rest on the face of Socrates Wilson.

"Soc," she pronounced the familiar shortening of his name in the severest of tones. "Soc, I have brought the children with me; they are in the taxi outside, and that is ticking up the pence. Are you coming?"

And Socrates Wilson went.

FRENCH CABINET DECISION

Paris, To-day. The French Cabinet yesterday reviewed the diplomatic and economic situation.

M. Lebrun signed a decree authorising the Commander-in-Chief of the French Air Force, to remain on the active list for one year; he reaches the retiring age limit this year.—Reuter.

SOCIAL WELFARE WORK IN H.K.

TAKING THE VIEW THAT "THE POOR WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US AND IT IS FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SEE TO THEIR WELL-BEING," THE HONG KONG REFUGEE AND SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL, IN ITS REPORT FOR JULY/DECEMBER, 1939, SETS OUT THE PAST ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION AND ITS HOPES AND DESIRES FOR THE FUTURE.

Plans for a Social Welfare Centre are mentioned briefly in the report. This will include a building with accommodation for a food kitchen, free school, clinic, club rooms for boys and girls, outdoor bathing places and sanitary arrangements. At the moment, only a 2-storey building is contemplated, owing to a lack of funds; industrial workers, therefore, cannot be accommodated.

Other branches of work will be taken up as the opportunity presents itself. This will include improvements in housing conditions and experiments in industrial work.

In addition to gifts in kind—ranging all the way from rice to tooth-brushes and school materials—the Council states that it needs the following funds:—

A sum of H.K.\$50,000 to build and equip a social welfare centre; \$25,000 to complete the sum needed for the first social welfare centre; \$15,000 to finance food kitchens from July to December, 1940; \$15,000 to erect huts in the Council's refugee paying camp; and, in addition to donations of other amounts to the general fund, education and food kitchen funds, regular subscribers who will contribute weekly or monthly.

ESPIONAGE IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, To-day. With the arrest of six persons, including a German, at Groningen, in north Holland, the Dutch police are stated to have unearthed the existence of an espionage plot having branches in several parts of Holland.

Police investigations followed the attempted escape of two foreign soldiers from internment.

The enquiries are still proceeding.—Reuter.

COMMONS SITTINGS

London, To-day. During March, the House of Commons will sit on Mondays and Fridays, in addition to the three days in the week, Mr. Chamberlain announced yesterday. The House will sit on Monday next to consider the Old Age Pensions Bill.—Reuter.



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Canton	February 24.
Shanghai	February 24.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard.	February 24.
Haiphong	February 25.
Japan	February 25.
Straits	February 25.
Sandakan	February 25.
Canton	February 25.
Japan	February 25.
Manila	February 25.
Shanghai and Amoy	February 25.
Sandakan	February 26.
Amoy	February 26.
Straits	February 26.
Haiphong	February 26.
Manila	February 26.
Manila	February 26.
Bangkok and Tourane	February 27.
Shanghai	February 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 18th January)	February 27.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 15th Dec., 1939)	February 27.
Haiphong	February 27.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 17th February	February 28.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 21st Feb.	February 28.
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Shanghai	February 28.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	February 28.
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Manila		Feb. 23, 7.00 p.m.
SATURDAY		
Straits		Feb. 24, 8.30 a.m.
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SUNDAY		
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan		Feb. 25, 9.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only)		Feb. 25, 9.00 a.m.
Saigon, Sandakan, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul & Tulagi		Feb. 25, 9.00 a.m.
MONDAY		
Canton		Feb. 26, 7.15 a.m.
Haiphong		Feb. 26, 1.00 p.m.
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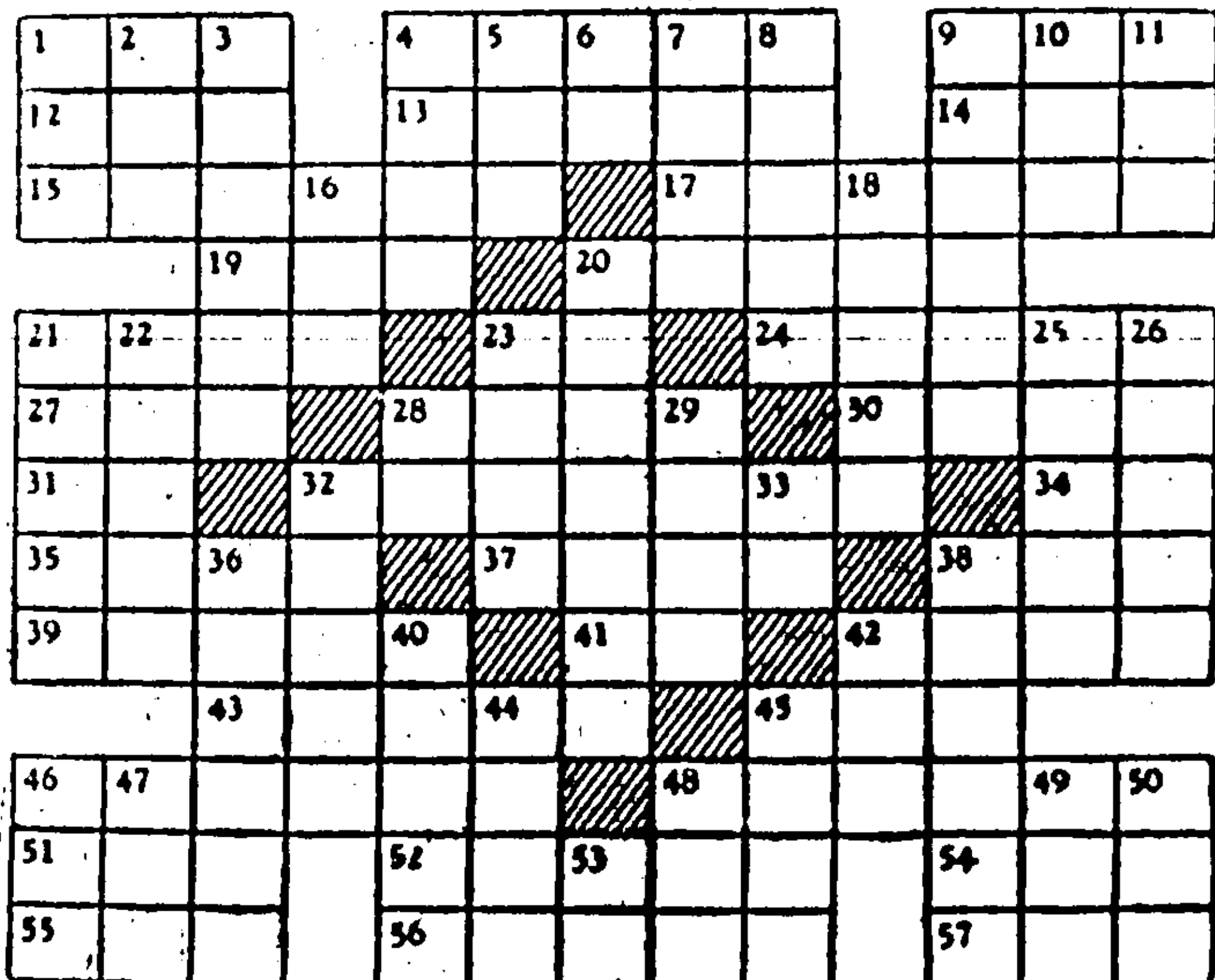
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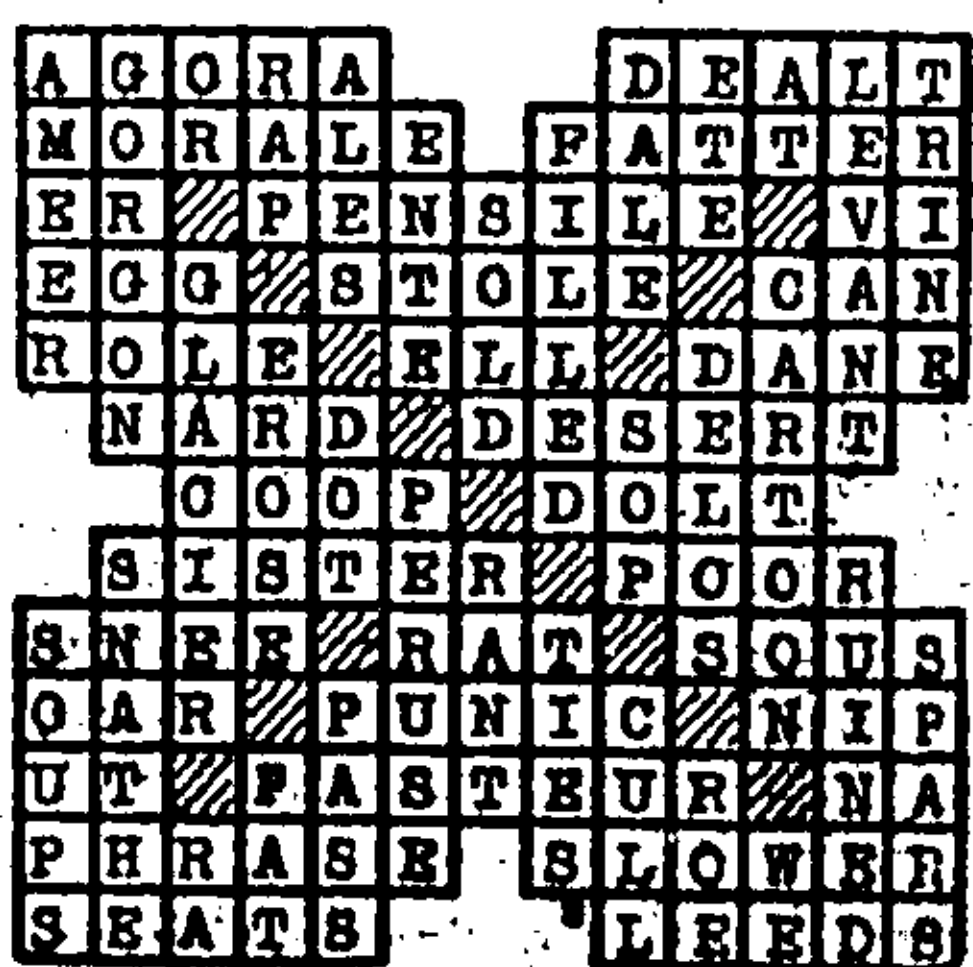
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- 4 Wise men
- 9 Swiss river
- 12 Philippine savage
- 13 Factor
- 14 Inlet
- 15 To happen
- 17 Mannerisms
- 19 Before
- 20 Voyages
- 21 Frog genus
- 23 Chaldean city
- 24 Rows
- 27 Insect
- 28 Cereal coating
- 30 Dye plant
- 31 Mixed type
- 32 Choristers
- 34 Prizefight
- 35 Hip-bones
- 37 Withered
- 38 Curve
- 39 Depressions
- 41 To transact
- 42 Animal skins
- 43 Briny
- 45 Receptacle
- 46 First event
- 48 Airplane shelter

- 51 One hundred thousand rupees
- 52 Languishes
- 54 Position
- 55 Skill
- 56 Instruments
- 57 Holland commune

VERTICAL

- 1 Prattle
- 2 Goddess of mischief
- 3 Obvious
- 4 Effected
- 5 Eon
- 6 Earth goddess
- 7 Preposition
- 8 To swagger
- 9 Originated
- 10 Small island
- 11 Ethiopian title
- 16 Babylonian god
- 18 Solos
- 20 Calamity
- 21 Swift
- 22 Silly
- 23 Vessels
- 25 Severity
- 26 Retards
- 28 Prefix: twice
- 29 Roman emperor
- 32 Mephistophiles
- 33 Note of scale
- 36 Arthropod
- 38 To err
- 40 Dozed
- 42 Enthusiast
- 44 Musical piece
- 45 Defile
- 46 Palm leaf
- 47 Equality
- 48 Tonic
- 49 Assistance
- 50 Female ruff
- 53 Negative

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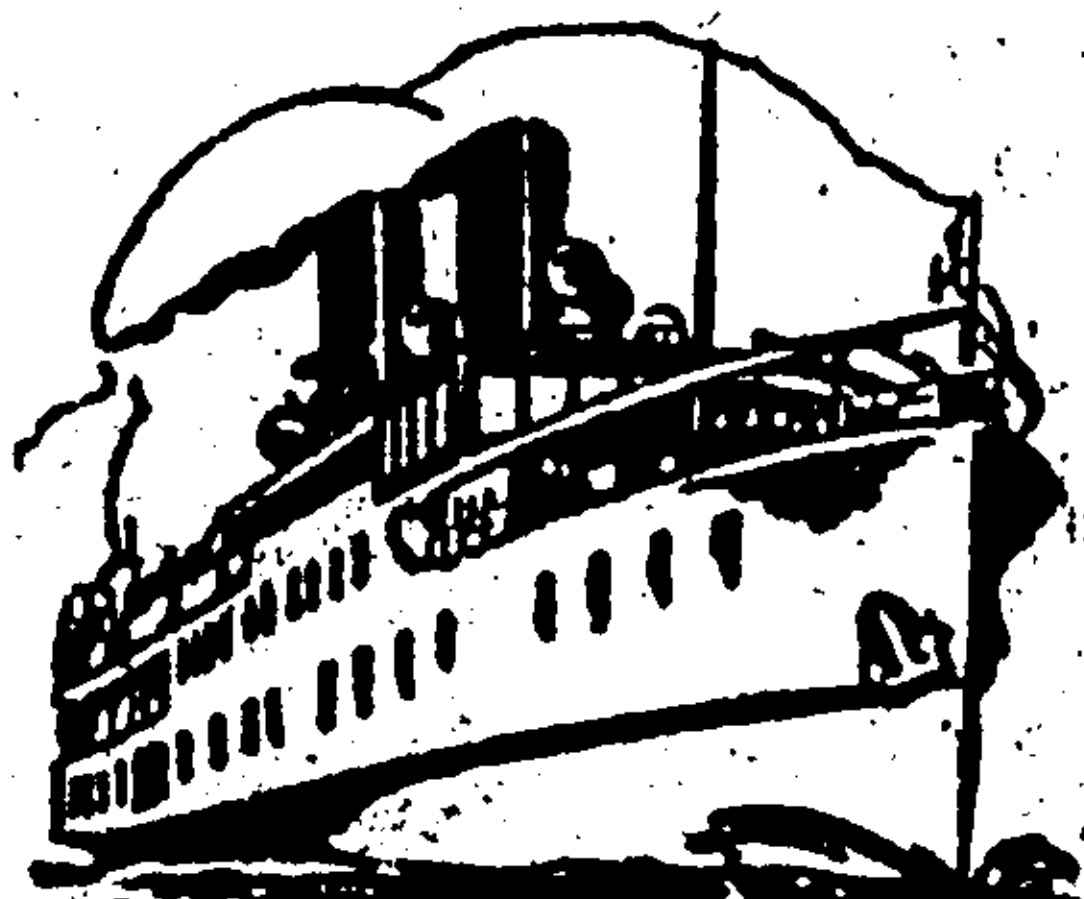
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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

ARMY meet Chinese in the final of the Kotewall Cup on Sunday on the Navy ground at Causeway Bay. Last time the Navy played the Army I commented on the poor support given to the Army team, at the same time giving a few probable reasons for the non-attendance of spectators.

There are no apparent reasons this time, however, for supporters not attending in full strength and they will undoubtedly witness a very keen game. The Army football committee met on Thursday to select their team for this match and after considerable discussion decided on the following:—

Cpl. Duncan (R. Scots); Pte. Naysmith (R.S.) and Pte. Sheehan (M/X.) (Capt.); L/Sgt. Freshwater (M/X.), L/Bdr. Guy (M/X.) and Pte. Wilkinson (M/X.); Pte. Hossack (R.S.), Cpl. Bundy (R. Signals), Spr. Fox (R.E.), Pte. Saw (M/X.), and Pte. Thomas (M/X.).

Reserves:—Moxham (R.E.), Bright (M/X.), Martin (R.A.O.C.) and Gordon (R. Scots).

All have played in representative football in Hong Kong except Cpl. Bundy of the Signals. This player has considerable experience and packs a good wallop in both feet which should improve the forward line considerably.

It may seem strange that Moxham has been dropped and preference given to Duncan after the good reports concerning this player in the Interport, but, on the showing of these two fine goalkeepers in Hong Kong, it was considered that Duncan seemed slightly the better of the two. It does not mean that Moxham has been dropped permanently, however.

Sheehan has played exceptionally well of late and went in without argument; Naysmith was given slight preference over Lawton and Frazer. Freshwater and Wilkinson of the M/X. are still playing good football and there were no contenders for these positions. Considerable discussion arose as to whether Guy (R.A.) or Bright (M/X.) should be given the centre-half berth and although Bright is the more seasoned Army player, Guy, on his present form, had to be kept in.

The centre-forward problem between Hossack and Fox was solved by shifting Hossack to outside right. He will have plenty of scope for his clever footwork and will get plenty of assistance from his inside man. Hossack will have to get rid of the slight tendency to hold the ball longer than necessary, however, as it will be more noticeable in his present position. Saw played an excellent game against the Navy and combined well with Thomas so these two were given another game without any dissension.

AS will be seen the R. Scots and M/X. supply the majority of players and perhaps the reason for this is that their players are more in the limelight due to playing First Division fixtures against the strong Chinese teams. Undoubtedly they have got good footballers but perhaps, if junior representative games were arranged, additional talent would be found from the smaller units. It is now too late in the season as there are too many fixtures to be played off, but probably this will be attended to next season.

**BADMINTON
DRAW; HUI
NOT ENTERED**

The draw for the 1939-40 Hong Kong badminton championships was made last evening by the specially appointed sub-committee of the Badminton Association.

It was found that entries were excellent, being 45 as compared with 42 last year. Twelve are taking part in the men's senior singles as against 10 last season; 11 in the junior singles as compared with 13; 13 in the men's doubles as compared with 11, and nine in the mixed doubles, as compared with eight.

Only one entry was received for the ladies doubles, but it has been decided to keep the entries for this event open for another week, until Friday, March 1. It is provided that entries must total 10 in order for a championship event to be arranged.

Prominent absentee from this year's championships is P. K. Hui, who last year won three events. However, the presence of Henry Eardley, former Shanghai champion, and the return of P. H. Wong, former Colony champion, makes the competition one of the most interesting since its inception.

In three events players have been seeded. In the senior singles C. Au, last year's runner-up, H. Eardley, P. H. Wong, and K. L. Yong have been "seeded." In the men's doubles, the favoured pairs are M. S. Lim and P. S. Bun, last year's runners-up, C. Au and P. H. Wong, M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira, and K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew.

In the mixed, the seeded couples are:—M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, three times runners-up, H. Eardley and Miss Decima Eardley, K. L. Yong and Miss U. Khoo, and J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro.

START NEXT WEEK

The championships will start on Thursday next, February 29, the first programme of matches to be announced to-morrow in the local press. Neutral courts will be used for all games, which will be arranged by the sub-committee, and no postponements will be permitted without the special consent of the sub-committee.

Matches will be the best of three games, each 15 points up.

The draw for the championships follow:

MEN'S SINGLES

Senior Championship

Byes:—C. Au v. D. Kwok; First Round:—H. B. Teoh v. P. S. Bun; W. T. Ho v. H. Eardley; K. L. Yong v. N. M. Lau; S. C. Chung v. H. F. Chew; Byes:—C. K. Cheah v. P. H. Wong.

Junior Championship

Byes:—T. S. Young v. J. Clark; First Round:—K. L. Lui v. A. Ho; M. Smith v. F. Lo; J. L. Anderson v. W. Gilles; Byes:—J. Tsang; P. Wynter-Blyth v. A. L. Fisher.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Byes:—M. S. Lim and P. S. Bun; First Round:—J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho v. H. Eardley and N. Smith; C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin v. F. H. Kwok and D. Kwok; C. Au and P. H. Wong v. K. L. Yong and H. F. Chow; R. Marques and H. F. Gonçalves v. H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung; H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui v. F. Koh and C. Y. Yung; Byes:—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth v. M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira.

MIXED DOUBLES

Byes:—M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva v. T. T. Chin and Miss M. T. Ding; J. Clarke and Mrs. Beattie; First Round:—L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro v. K. L. Yong and Miss U. Khoo; Byes:—J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro v. P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung; D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson v. H. Eardley and Miss Decima Eardley.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day.

Two matches in the Southern League were played yesterday.

In an "A" Division match, West Ham, at home, defeated Clapton Orient by 4 goals to 1.

In a "B" Division contest Chelsea, at Stamford Bridge, beat Bournemouth by 4 goals to 3. — Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

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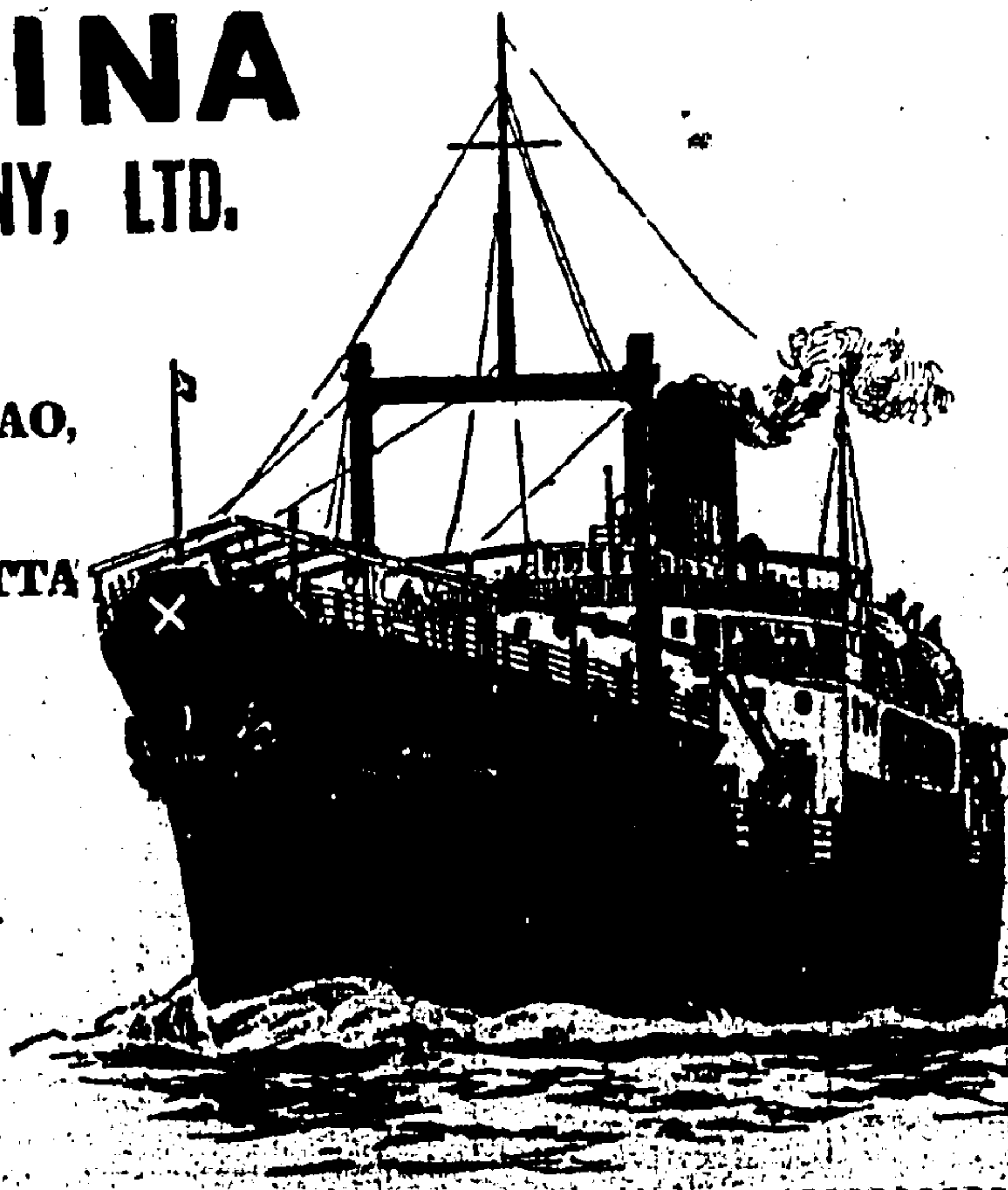
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That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July 1940 in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.
2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

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MORE ABOUT THE WAITING GAME

These last few weeks I have made a point of talking over the war with the widest possible variety of my acquaintances among the general public. I find that what is still uppermost in their minds is the strangeness of this "static" war when compared with the tremendous opening of the last. I suspect that overseas the situation calls forth similar comment.

We must remember, however, when comparison is made with 1914, that it was German initiative then that drew us into the struggle. If von Moltke had elected to stand on the defensive in the west and had used his main armies against Russia, as many Germans consider he should have, we might then have experienced a long period of preparation and inactivity such as we are now going through.

As it was, we had no alternative then but to exert ourselves immediately to the utmost.

When, in 1915, an opportunity came to use a respite to develop our strength we threw it away in a number of ill-conceived offensives.

The sea warfare now of course goes on both defensively and, as far as possible, offensively. Why, however, are the Allied armies sitting in their trenches and why, especially, are the air forces not attacking the innumerable land targets Germany offers and which reconnaissance has located?

No answer has officially been given to those questions. Silence undoubtedly tests the morale and patience of the people. Trust in British leaders is the immense source of strength which protects morale and preserves patience under such a test.

DEADLOCK BY LAND

One can, I think, strengthen this trust by considering some of the points which obviously must influence Allied military policy.

The Allied armies cannot morally or politically be justified in violating neutral territory. A sea-borne attack on German coast is obviously out of the question.

The Army, therefore, cannot attack, except on the front between Switzerland and Luxemburg. Half of that front is covered by the practically impassable Rhine. The other half is protected not only by the Siegfried defences but also by numerous natural obstacles.

To attack the unshaken German army on such restricted and unfavourable ground, and with the element of surprise lacking, would be less excusable than the Passchendaele offensive. There at least on part of a weakened German army was attacked, and there were compelling reasons for attacking it.

GERMANY'S PROBLEM

Germany, on this front, is presented with a similar problem. In spite of the superior strength of her army, she has shown no disposition to attempt to break through the Maginot Line.

Can she under pressure of blockade remain inactive? That is a question only Germany can answer.

If the Blockade is intolerable, she may invade Luxemburg and the Low Countries thus trying to turn the Maginot defences.

Once she violates neutral territory, she presents a new strategic problem to the Allies calling for counter-offensive action or for defence of a new front.

It is understanding therefore why so far as their armies are concerned the Allies must await German initiative.

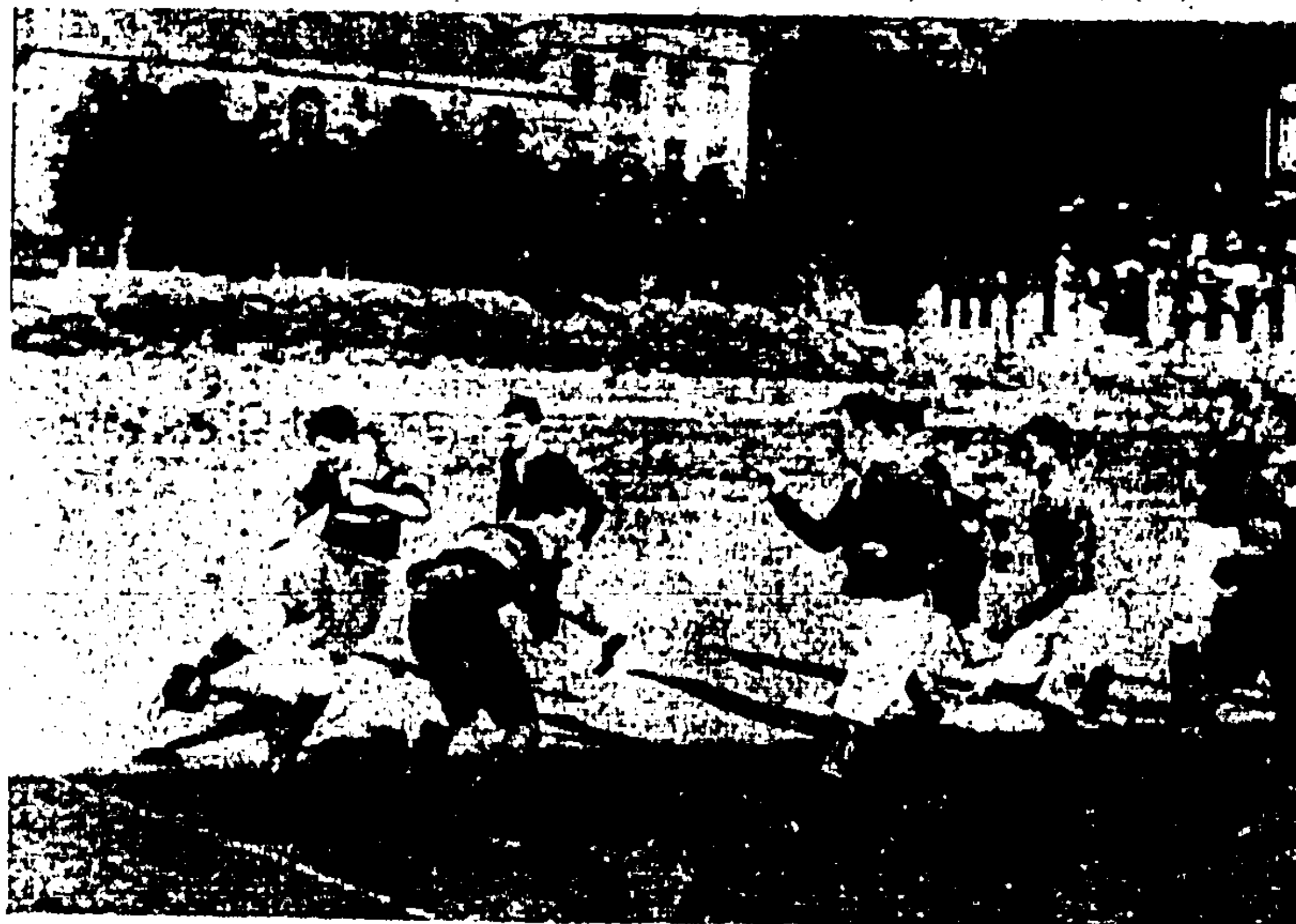
Meanwhile the Allied army is growing in strength, so there are good reasons for believing that if Germany on economic grounds is forced to take the initiative she will do so as soon as she judges weather conditions favourable.

CONSERVING ALLIED AIR POWER

The situation which enforces inactivity on to the Allied armies does of course apply to air operations.

Why then is air activity in the land war confined to reconnaissance and occasional air encounters?

I surmise that the main reason is

POLICE RUGGERITES AT VALLEY

The Police rugger XV played the Army at Sookunpoo on Saturday, but were outclassed, Army winning 21-3. Photo shows Wright-Nooth relieving with a kick to touch.



Pinkerton (light jersey) goes up to it in a line-out in the Army half.



Willson breaks away with Fay in support and Cuthbertson in pursuit.

semi-political — an unwillingness to initiate a form of warfare in which the civil population and their property must unavoidably become involved.

If that form of warfare is inevitable, let the other side incur the odium of starting it.

It is possible that Germany may shrink from exposing her population to such a test. She may elect to use her air power in direct connection with land and sea operations. We should willingly abide by such restrictions as Germany imposed on its use in such circumstances.

To use our air force under severe restrictions which might necessitate low daylight flying to ensure accuracy, and attack of well defended targets would almost certainly entail heavy losses. It might not achieve much. And we might find ourselves weakened if and when Germany started unrestricted operations.

One can see therefore that the Allies have motives in husbanding their air

power until such time as Germany opens a general offensive.

Meanwhile, by abstaining from attack, we avoid wastage and allow our air power to grow without interruption. Our shipyards, munition factories, and army camps also enjoy immunity.

Another point is that if Germany invades the Low Countries, many of her vulnerable centres would be then approachable by shorter routes than they are at present.

POSTSCRIPT ON THE FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

In war there can be no certainty as to the enemy's course of action; and should Germany, counting no supplies from the East, continue to make no move, a change in Allied policy might be necessary.

Offensive action in some form would presumably be taken, if only in order to increase the effect of economic pressure by causing Germany to expend her resources.

Far View Expected To Win Australian Champions SAPPER MAY GIVE IT CLOSE FIGHT

(By "RAPIER")

THE last day of the Annual Race Meeting, to be held at the Valley to-morrow, will consist of nine events, the most important of which is the Australian Ponies Championships.

In this race, over 1-1/4 miles, it is confidently expected the track record for the distance will be lowered, and the old ponies will have to bring out their very best in order to counter the challenge of Far View, winner of the Rooty-Hill Derby in record time, and Sapper, which placed second in that event.

The weather so far has been exceptionally favourable with the exception of Wednesday and, given fine weather to-morrow, the attendance will be further augmented by a large number of children. In this connection, however, it is to be hoped that the kiddies will not be allowed near the cash sweep, Daily Double or parimutuel counters as it is more than likely they will be hurt in the rush for tickets.

GRIFFINS SPRING HANDICAP:— ONE MILE.

This race is confined to China ponies, griffins of this meeting that have started and have not won, and the selections should narrow down to the following:—

Craigavad (Mr. Encarnacao).
O-Lan (Mr. Needa).
Possible (Mr. Tang Man Wa).
Johnber (Mr. Gram).
White Diamond (Mr. Pih).

All these have done well.
Craigavad should account for this race with O-Lan second and Possible third.

FLEMINGTON PLATE:—(ABOUT HALF MILE 170 YARDS).

In this race I think Vanity Fair (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), which lost to Viceroy in the Blue Mountains Plate by a short head, should have no difficulty in taking first position with Sea Jay, its stable companion, second, thus leaving Connleber and Albury to decide third place.

ICHANG HANDICAP:—(FIRST SECTION) ABOUT ONE MILE 171 YARDS.

This race is confined to first section "B" Class China ponies and, judging from the entries, Bear Claw (Mr. Black) has a good chance of scoring its first win this year for Mrs. L. Dunbar, with Red Feather (Mr. Wei) second and Rob Roy (Mr. Encarnacao) third.

TAIPING HANDICAP:—(FIRST SECTION)—SIX FURLONGS.

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," and will be contested by first section "D" Class China ponies. In view of the shorter distance and with This Time, winner of the Chefoo Handicap barred, I cannot see anything to stop Night View (Mr. Pih), which was placed second in the above race, from winning. Piet Hein (Mr. Needa), although it ran unplaced, may find the distance more to its liking and will probably give Night View a good fight. I nominate Night View to win with Piet Hein second and Some Hope (Mr. Hearne) third.

BENARBA HANDICAP:— ONE MILE.

This race is confined to "C2 Class Australian ponies and it would appear that Discovery Bay (Mr. Wei) and Twilight Star (Mr. Pan), which dead-heated for second position behind Brutus in the Kara Kara Handicap, will again battle out the finish, with Discovery Bay probably having a slight advantage owing to the distance being shorter. Macquarie River (Mr. Davis) should fill third position.

WUHU HANDICAP:—ABOUT HALF MILE 170 YARDS.

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to "E" Class China ponies. Judging from its last outing, I think I am not far wrong in stating that Palmer, although it ran unplaced in the Jockey Cup over a mile, will annex this race. Valorous, which was third in this race, should be very near if taken out by a more experienced rider. Rose Day is a speedy animal over short distances

and should not be overlooked.

ICHANG HANDICAP:—(SECOND SECTION)—ABOUT ONE MILE 171 YARDS.

Second Section "B" Class ponies will figure in this race and I expect to see the following starting:—

Blue Diamond (Mr. Chao).
Expansion Time (Mr. Wei).
Jennifer (Mr. Howell).
Jobber (Mr. Gram).
New Star (Mr. Marshall).
Oak Bay (Mr. Needa).
Peaceful View (Mr. Pih).
Potentate (Mr. Encarnacao).
Taxing Master (Mr. Black).

The three ponies to watch are New Star, Oak Bay and Potentate, all of which are capable of winning. It will be recalled that New Star won the Tardy Handicap last year over a mile, just beating Oak Bay by a short head, and I think it will again win. Oak Bay, although speedy, may find the distance a bit too long. Potentate is useful over this distance and will probably fill second position.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES CHAMPIONS:—1-1/4 MILES.

Though entries for this race will not be known until prior to the commencement of the event, I expect the following to face the starter:—

Lucky Lad (Mr. Needa).
Bastin Bay (Mr. Hearne).
Far View (Mr. Pih).
Sapper (Mr. Encarnacao).
Amicus Curiae (Mr. Marshall).

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Below—An idea of the dense throng on Derby Day. (Our Staff Photographer).



The start of the Derby, showing Splaylight on the rails with Satinlight, the winner, next to it. Then comes Gretber, Burford, which placed second, and Mount Hope Bay. (Our Staff Photographer).



Mr. Li Po-chun's This Time (Mr. Wei up) winning the Chefoo Handicap (first section) by 1 1/2 lengths from Mr. Li Lan-sang's Night View. Lucky's Some Hope, outside, was third and West Lake, on the rails, fourth. Piet Hein was fifth and Wilber sixth. (Our Staff Photographer).



Mr. Eric Moller's Satinlight (Mr. Boogie Moller up) being led in by Mrs. Moller and Mrs. Needa after its easy win in the Trial Plate. (Our Staff Photographer).



BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

J. H. WATTS' FINE SCORE

One Of The Highest Registered In Far East

ASHEVILLE C.P.O.'S SURPRISE THE MEN

(By "STRIKE")

IN my "Jottings of last week I complained about the dearth of Matches played and the absence of any scores worthy of comment, excepting Corp. H. Blount's 255 made on the 15th February, but this week I have several high scores to comment upon, and several really good and interesting matches to report.

Royal Signals are to the fore again; not only did Corp. J. H. Watts win the Signals Handicap Competition, but on Sunday, he beat Corp. H. Blount's record 255 for the month by making 278! The bitter part about it as far as Blount is concerned is that Corp. Watts and he were playing against each other in a friendly game at the time.

There is little doubt that Corp. Watt's score is one of the highest set in the East, although I believe there have been several over this score and also two or three perfect frames—viz. 300 the highest possible score—made in Manila.

Corp. Watts' score was made up as follows:—starting off with 8 strikes in a row, he failed on his 7th frame to make an 8 with his first ball and a spare with his second ball, and, striking out on his next five frames to make 278. Actually he made 11 strikes and one spare. This was a wonderful effort and is the highest score ever registered in these Alleys. Had he the 8 on his last frame instead of the 7th, he would have totalled 298.

WATTS AGAIN

Corp. Watts also won the Singles Handicap Competition, playing against M. F. L. Haymes in the Final. He was therefore presented with a replica of the silver-encased ten pin ball, presented by the Management of the Bowling Alleys, which is kept in the Alleys for future Competitions, and has his name engraved thereon. Incidentally, he is the first to have his name engraved on the ball, and is also the first to receive a replica.

The runner-up, M. F. L. Haymes, was presented with a Carton of "Schlitz" canned beer, very kindly presented by L. Rondon Co., Ltd., Hong Kong.

The final of the Singles Handicap was played off on the 15th instant and resulted in a win for Watts by 79 pins.

Watts' Handicap was plus 20 and Haymes plus 25, so actually on the 5 games which

had to be played in the Semi-Finals and Final, vide the rules of the Competition, Watts was conceding 25 pins in all.

The individual scores were:—

J. H. Watts (plus 20) 816

M. F. L. Haymes (plus 25) 712

Watts' average for the five games there-

fore works out at 163, and Haymes 148, and

actually, Watts won without his handicap,

by 104 pins.

The Singles Handicap Competition has

been so successful that it has been decided

to commence a second one, which will be

under way in the course of the next two

or three days. For this purpose an entry-

list will be posted in the Alleys and all

bowling fans are invited to enter.

MORE HIGH SCORES

I have already mentioned the really good scoring of the past week and I have in mind a series of three ordinary games played between J. S. Landolt, and F. P. Hollis of the U.S.S. Mindanao. These were played

together with no break in between. The

scoring was particularly good and, I think,

constitute a record. The scores were:—

Hollis 599 Landolt 572

Hollis' average worked out at 200 per game

and Landolt's 191, their combined efforts

being slightly over 195 each per game. It

certainly was good bowling, both players

being in great form. Actually, out of the

game rolled between them, they registered

26 strikes, 26 spares and had only eight

breaks!

Then again on February 19, H. P. Hollis

put up another very creditable score, not-

ching 242 to add to his already long list of

good scores. His effort on this occasion was

as follows:—

Starting off with three strikes in a row, a

nine with his first ball on the fourth frame,

to make a spare with his second ball, then

four strikes in a row again, to fall on his

ninth frame to make a seven with his first

ball, a spare with his second a spare on his

10th frame, and an eight with his spare ball.

On Wednesday Mrs. Ismail registered 211

pins for the Ladies' best score of the month,

made up as follows:—Three strikes in a

row, a spare, two strikes together, two

spares, an eight on the ninth frame, a spare

on the 10th frame and an 8 with the extra

ball—good work!

On February 16, there was quite a good

five-game Ten Pin match between the Alley

team and U.S.S. Asheville, this resulting in

a win for the Alley team by 372 pins. This

illustrates my remarks in a previous article

that a good Duck Pin player can also be a

good Ten Pin player. The Alley team has

always been known as the best Duck Pin

team in the Alley, but on this occasion they

demonstrated their superiority in the Ten

Pin game as well.

ALLEY TEAM ASHEVILLE

J. H. Watts 850 W. J. Balaski 768

H. Blount 843 W. E. Wood 764

J. R. Fawcett 778 M. O. Gray 672

J. S. Landolt 771 C. S. Edwards 351

C. G. Cunning 315

3242 2870

In this match Cunning was down to play

but could not turn up in time, and Edwards

kindly deputised for the first three games,

Cunning finishing very ably the last two

games.

HIGHEST SCORER

Watts was the highest scorer of the match

with 850 or an average of 170 pins per game.

This was good consistent bowling and had

he not trailed away in his fourth and fifth

game his average would have been much

higher—he made 148 on his fourth game

and 157 on his fifth. Nevertheless his effort

was sound.

H. Blount was very close behind to regis-

ter 843 or an average of 169 per game; he

bowled consistently well for the first four

games but fell away in his fifth game to

make only 132. Neither Fawcett nor Land-

olt did as well as I expected of them or

what I know they are capable of.

The Asheville team never seemed to be

comfortable throughout the match. Balaski

being top-scorer with 768, or an average of

154, followed very closely by W. E. Wood

with 764 or an average of 153. Gray sur-

prised me by registering the lowest score

of the match and probably the lowest score

for a five-game match that he has ever

bowled in these Alleys.

On the whole the Asheville bowled much

below their usual performance.

CHALLENGE MATCH

The Alley Team's victory over the Ashe-

ville naturally drew a challenge from U.S.S.



J. H. WATTS

Mindanao, and this match was played on

Monday, Alley Team again winning, this

time by 198 pins.

Douglas, of Mindanao, was unable to turn

out, and Joe Harvey of the Asheville, very

kindly deputised for him.

ALLEY TEAM MINDANAO

J. H. Watts 879 J. A. Harvey 831

J. S. Landolt 846 D. M. Keplinger 821

H. Blount 815 F. P. Hollis 792

J. R. Fawcett 802 J. T. Sheehan 700

3342 3144

Again on this occasion Watts was top

score for the match with 879 or an average

of 176—six pins per game better than the

previous match against Asheville.

There was a great improvement on Joe

Landolt's form in this match in comparison

with the Asheville match, he registered 846

or an average of 170 pins per game, com-

pared with his average of 154 in the Ashe-

ville match. Blount was slightly down on

his score of 815 against Asheville. Fawcett

was better than in his match against Ashe-

ville, his bag on this occasion being 802, or

an average of 160 pins per game against his

778 or average 156 in his game against

Asheville.

It is worthy of note that all four players

notched over 800 pins each during this game

with the Mindanao, the total average per

player for all games being the very credit-

able one of 162 each; this is something like

bowling!

Naturally the Champs have challenged

the Alley Team to a five game match, this

was played last night.

A SURPRISE

There was a very interesting five-game

Ten Pin match played on Wednesday. It

was the result of a challenge from the Chief

Petty Officers of the Asheville to play the

usual ship's team.

Opinion had it that the C.P.O.'s did not

stand a chance against Joe Harvey and his

men, but I was treated to the biggest sur-

prise I have had in the Alleys. It is true

that Joe Harvey's men won the match, but

it was by the narrow margin of 110 pins

only.

The individual score were as follows:—

ASHEVILLE C.P.O.'S

W. J. Balaski 810 C. J. Summers 789

J. A. Harvey 801 C. E. Edwards 774

C. G. Cunning 712 O. C. Merkel 764

M. O. Gray 673 C. F. Rozum 569

2996 2888

From the above scores it can be seen that

there was nothing in it, and had Summers,

for the C.P.O.'s, made about the same score

as Edwards, Merkel and Rozum, the C.P.O.'s

would have won.

In the first game Joe Harvey's boys led

by 107 pins; in the second the C.P.O.'s not

only wiped out this deficit, but were leading

by 221 pins; in the third game the C.P.O.'s

were still 11 pins up, and in the fourth they

were still leading by only 2 pins, so one can

imagine the excitement amongst the sup-

porters of both teams.

In the last game Joe Harvey's team forged

ahead to win by 110 pins. The highest score

of the match was registered by W. J. Ba-

laski, for Harvey's team, with 810 or an

average of 162 per game, with Harvey him-

self a close second with 801, or 160 pins per

game. C.P.O. Summers was third with 789

or an average of 158.

There was only one 200 scored, this being

registered by C.P.O. Merkel, who made 214

in his second game.

I understand that C.P.O. Rozum's lowly

position was no doubt due to the fact that

he has only recently started to play Ten

Pins and is more at home at Duck Pins.

Feature of this match was the friendly

badinage, or "razzing" from several sup-

porters who were in attendance; as a matter

of fact, it sounded to my untrained ears as

"not very friendly!"

However, as players on both sides seemed

to have the patience of Job the barracking

and razzing did not seem to have any effect

on their nervous system!

As a matter of fact I am not quite certain

if Devonshire, who very kindly officiated as

scorer, had cotton wool in his ears or not;

anyhow he carried out his duties entirely

unperturbed and in his usual very able way.

I heard so many expressions used, espe-

cially by one, Elmer Detza, that it was very

hard for me to remember all, but amongst

the many terms he used were "Robbery",

"Slipping", "How much did you pay the

Pin Boy?", "That was a good shot, what

did you try for?", "Let me come up and show

you how to make that shot.", "I say boys its

a good thing they've got a seaman playing

for them.", "Pick 'em up," etc., etc. As a

matter of fact it was only due to the fact

that Elmer suddenly remembered he was

hungry and got busy with "Hot Dog" that

there was a temporary silence in the Alleys.

But all joking on one side it was one of

the most interesting matches I have ever

witnessed.

RACING

(Continued from Page 22)

Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei).

This is indeed going to be a battle between giants, and it will be worth going a long way to see. I don't think we need look farther than Far View for the champion, especially after its record-breaking run in the Rooty-Hill Derby. In this same race Sapper ran very well, and the slightly shorter distance may enable it to give Far View a better fight. However, the finish should be Far View first, Sapper second and Baffin Bay third.

TAIPIING HANDICAP:—(SECOND SECTION)—SIX FURLONGS.

This is the last race of the day and is confined to second section "D" Class China ponies. Emergency Call (Mr. Black), which was second behind Phoenix in the Chefoo Handicap, should have a good chance of winning here, but will probably meet with stern opposition from Bressay, third pony in the above race, on account of the shorter distance. There is also Port-rush to be reckoned with as this pony is very fast over sprint distances and may cause an upset if it is not over-hauled in quick time. My nomination is Emergency Call, Bressay and Port-rush.

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CHAMPAGNE

TO-MORROW'S RUGBY TOURNAMENT FAVOURS ENGLAND

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

THE INTERNATIONAL Rugby Tournament this year will of necessity have to be left undecided as there are no available Saturdays left in which to play-off the postponed final, but the winners of the England v. Scotland game to-morrow will obviously be unofficial champions due to their undoubted superiority over Ireland and Wales.

To-morrow's programme at Causeway Bay will commence at 3 p.m. when Ireland meet Wales in what promises to be a fairly even game.

Behind the scrum neither side has an advantage on paper, but at forward the Irish should carry all before them, having weight for the tight scrums, speed in the loose and three good men in King, Dempsey and Wanklyn for the line-outs. Brown should be able to get the better of Searle at hooking, and if he does not there is a good man in Cullinan to fall back on.

By virtue of their probable forward supremacy Ireland should win, but there is unlikely to be much in it.

The game at 4.15 p.m. should provide some thrills when England meet Scotland, last year's champions.

On paper England appear to have the game already won, possessing a very fine back division and a stout set of forwards.

Scotland will miss the injured Duggie Stewart as their threequarter line, though likely to prove sound enough in defence, looks as if it will badly lack initiative.

I am prepared to see Douglas and Thomson lead Carter and Luscombe a merry dance, but they will need to get the ball first, and I cannot see Hewitt being beaten very often due to the well-balanced scrum he has in support. In the loose England should also more than hold their own.

Had I selected the Scotland team I would have had Henderson at full-back and Taylor either in place of Birrell on the wing or in the pack in place of Millar.

Following are the teams:

IRELAND:—Mid. Roe (Navy); D. Hynes (Club); B. C. Fay (Police); Mid. Teare (Navy) and R. M. Lavalie (Club); Mid. O'Riordan (Navy) and Sto. Gallagher (Navy); P. F. Wanklyn (Club); Lt. (E) Brown (Navy) (captain); Cullinan (Police); B. Hynes (Club); J. H. Thornhill (Club); B. O'M. Deane (Club); Dempsey (Police) and Chf/Wtr. King (Navy).

WALES:—H. F. Hopkins (Club); Gnr. Richards (Army); T. O. Morgan (Club); L/C. Waite (Army) and Tel. Bowden (Navy); Lt. Coombe (Army) and Pte. Butler (Army); A. F. Walkden (Club) (captain); L. A. Searle (Police); L. S. A. Palmer (Navy); Gnr. Evans (Army); Flt/Lt. Taylor (Navy); Mid. Murray-Jones (Navy); L/Wtr. Barlow (Navy) and L/Wtr. Ferris (Navy).

ENGLAND:—Lt. Stevens (Navy) (captain); D. I. Bosanquet (Club); J. C. Charter (Club); Tel. Paul (Club) and F. M. Thompson (Club); Lt. Carter (Navy) and E. C. Luscombe (Police); R. E. Heaseham (Club); Lt. Hewitt (Army); Pte. Berry (Army); E. A. Bompas (Club); C. F. Needham (Club); Lt. Ridsdale (Army); Innis (Police) and Wright-Nooth (Police).

SCOTLAND:—Taylor (Police); Spr. Birrell (Army); J. Hutchison (Club); C. G. Wilson (Police) and M. G. Carruthers (Club); Lt. Douglas (Army) and J. M. Thomson (Club); I. M. Macrae (Club); Cpl. Sutherland (Army); A. M. Kennedy (Club); 2/Lt. Cuthbertson (Army) (captain); 2/Lt. Millar (Army); 2/Lt. Pinkerton (Army); A. J. G. Taylor (Club) and G. B. Godfrey (Club).



Lt. Stevens, right, the Navy full-back and England's captain in the annual International Rugby Tournament to-morrow, consults "Rapier's" selections at the Races. (Our Staff Photographer).

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BADMINTON NOTES

GOOD WIN FOR CHINESE Y.M.C.A. IN "A" DIVISION

Difficulties Of The Bridges Street Court

PLAY-OFF FOR SENIOR TITLE PROBABLE

(By "ADREM")

LEAGUE badminton over the past week has been disorganised to a certain extent by the Annual Race Meeting but an interesting result was returned on Monday, when Chinese "Y" placed themselves in a strong position for the Senior championship by beating the holders, Hong Kong University, at Bridges Street by the large margin of 6 games to 3.

On the face of this result it would appear that Chinese "Y" have the championship in their pocket; my guess, however, is that University will beat them in the return match at University and any play-off that is necessary, to be played on a neutral court, will result in a win for the undergraduates.

That, however, remains to be seen.

DIFFICULT CONDITIONS

Without wishing in any way to detract from the undoubted merit of Chinese "Y's" performance, I understand that the conditions at the Bridges Street court had a most unsettling effect on several of the visiting representatives, who had not played there hitherto.

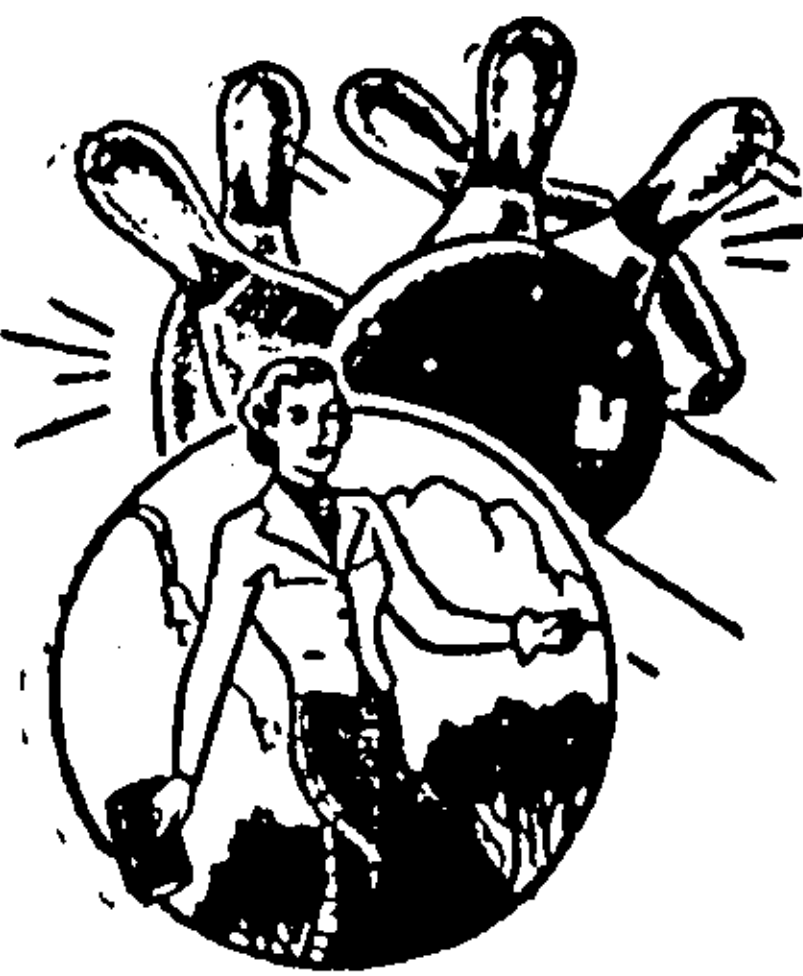
Nevertheless the feat of C. Au and H. Koh, in winning all three games, including one against the current Colony doubles titlists, was a particularly good one.

Patrick Wong and F. Koh also did well, beating H. F. Chew and C. K. Lee, and M. S. Lim and P. S. Bun,

VITAL MATCH TO-MORROW

An important badminton match has been fixed for to-morrow at King's Park when Recreio will entertain present League leaders, Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Senior Division.

Other Sport On Page 20



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and only losing to Hui and Yong by a narrow margin.

S. C. Chung and H. M. Lau, a couple I do not recollect having seen in action this season, only managed one game but they put up a great fight against Hui and Yong and only went down after "setting."

Most disappointing for University were H. F. Chew and C. K. Lee, who, despite several promising displays in earlier matches, went down badly in all three games.

KWOK BROS. PLAY WELL FOR ST. JOHN'S; FIRST WIN FOR V.R.C.

(By "ADREM")

AFTER rather a period of stagnation, Junior Division of the Badminton League got going on Wednesday with a programme of three matches.

The scheduled encounter between St. Andrew's and King's, which should have been quite a good one, was postponed owing to calls of Volunteer Camp on the St. Andrew's team.

Victoria Recreation Club, fielding a weak team, distinguished themselves against Kowloon Tong, whom they defeated on the latter's court by 5 games to 4.

The home team were unable to field a full side but took on their opponents with only two couples, which were, however, only able to win four games between them.

Credit for the V.R.C. win, which is their first this season, goes to D. M. Xavier and veteran S. A. Rumjahn, who won both their games.

ST. TERESA'S FAIL

On a neighbouring court, St. Teresa's, without Francis Tsang, put up surprisingly poor resistance against St. John's, considering they were playing on their own court, and only managed to win three games.

This match served to illustrate my remarks of last week apropos the Kwok brothers and St. Andrew's. Plying together on Wednesday, they were unbeatable and won all three games pretty well as they liked.

Feature of their game was their splendid powers of retrieving. They kept their mistakes to a minimum and relied more on steadiness than brilliance, a policy that will always pay in League encounters be they badminton or tennis.

EXCITING GAME

Most exciting game of the evening saw Peter Lo and Joe Tsang beat Henry Eardley and R. Beavan. The latter took the lead at 4-0 and retained it at 9-7, 11-9, 13-12 and 18-14. At this stage the home pair changed their tactics and concentrated hard on Beavan, who eventually cracked.

LEAGUE TABLES

"A" DIVISION					
	P.	W.	L.	F. A.	Pts.
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	5	5	0	38	7
University "A"	5	4	1	19	7
Recreio	4	2	2	14	22
University "B"	5	1	4	12	23
Chung Wah	5	0	5	6	30

"B" DIVISION					
	P.	W.	L.	F. A.	Pts.
St. John's	7	6	1	46	17
Recreio	6	5	1	32	22
King's College	7	5	2	43	20
St. Teresa's	6	4	2	33	21
St. Andrew's	6	2	4	23	31
Kowloon Tong	7	2	5	25	38
V.R.C.	6	1	5	13	41
K.C.C.	7	1	6	19	44

MIXED DOUBLES DIVISION					
	P.	W.	L.	F. A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	4	4	0	29	7
St. John's	5	4	1	34	11
University	3	3	0	23	4
Recreio "B"	5	2	3	25	20
Taikoo	5	1	4	10	35
K.C.C.	6	0	6	5	49

* Two walkovers.

BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading pairings in "A" and "B" divisions of the Badminton League. There are no changes in Mixed Doubles Division.

"A" DIVISION

	Games	P.	L.	W.
C. Au and H. Koh (C.Y.M.C.A.)	12	0	12	
P. H. Wong and A. Chong (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)	9	1	8	
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	9	2	7	
T. J. Ong and F. Koh (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)	6	0	6	
C. K. Lee and H. F. Chew (University "A")	9	5	4	
P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong (University "A")	8	2	6	

"B" DIVISION

	Games	P.	L.	W.
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	21	3	18	
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	18	3	15	
P. Wilson and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	15	2	13	
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	15	2	13	

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Starting Times for Farling.

TO-MORROW

Old Course

2.16 p.m.	Major Meek, Major Giles.
2.20	J. W. Mayhew, E. R. McKee.
2.44	P. S. Cassidy, W. M. Barton.

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m.	G. M. Park, F. N. Spence.
9.20	J. W. Mayhew, H. N. Williamson.
9.24	J. Harrop, G. Thomerson.
9.28	F. Groves, D. S. Robb.
9.32	A. B. Purves, A. V. Greaves.
9.36	M. S. Banner, J. Redman.
9.40	G. W. Reeve, A. Nicol.
9.44	A. N. and Q. A. Macfadyen.
9.48	P. E. Annis, J. W. Clague.
9.52	A. C. Lam Gasper, R. R. de L. Liesching.
9.56	R. B. Mace, D. C. Loneraine.
10.00	L. M. S. Lloyd, G. C. Worrall.
10.04	F. A. M. Elliott, E. L. Groome.
10.08	J. M. Pearson, M. Pollock.
10.12	D. H. Clark, L. Jackson.
10.16	J. C. Brown, F. Buckle.
10.20	A. E. Lissaman, R. H. Gregory.
10.24	J. C. Taylor, C. C. Black.
10.28	W. S. Hillier, D. A. Murdoch.
10.32	E. Davidson, H. W. Dulle.
10.36	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.40	R. C. Stewart, W. Park.
10.44	M. Gardan, H. Evelle.
10.48	A. E. Gerondal, A. M. Kirby.
10.52	R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
10.56	Lieut. Carter, G. T. Harrington.
11.00	Lt. Cdr. Greenway, H. C. Watson.

New Course

9.20 a.m.	H. F. Sommers, Snr. and Jr.
9.23	Capt. Thursby, R. G. Parker.
9.36	P. S. Delaney, L. M. Wylie.
9.44	Mrs. Nicol, Miss Geen.
9.52	Mrs. Plummer, Mrs. Sinclair.
10.00	E. W. J. and Mrs. Wedlock.
10.08	W. W. C. Shewan, T. Mearry.
10.16	E. G. Price, J. C. C. Matthews.
10.24	Mrs. Sturgess-Wells, Mrs. Hillier.
10.32	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.40	Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Park.
10.48	Mrs. Gerondal, Mrs. Kirby.
11.00	Major del Court, Capt. Chattey.
11.04	A. Tennant, K. E. Young.

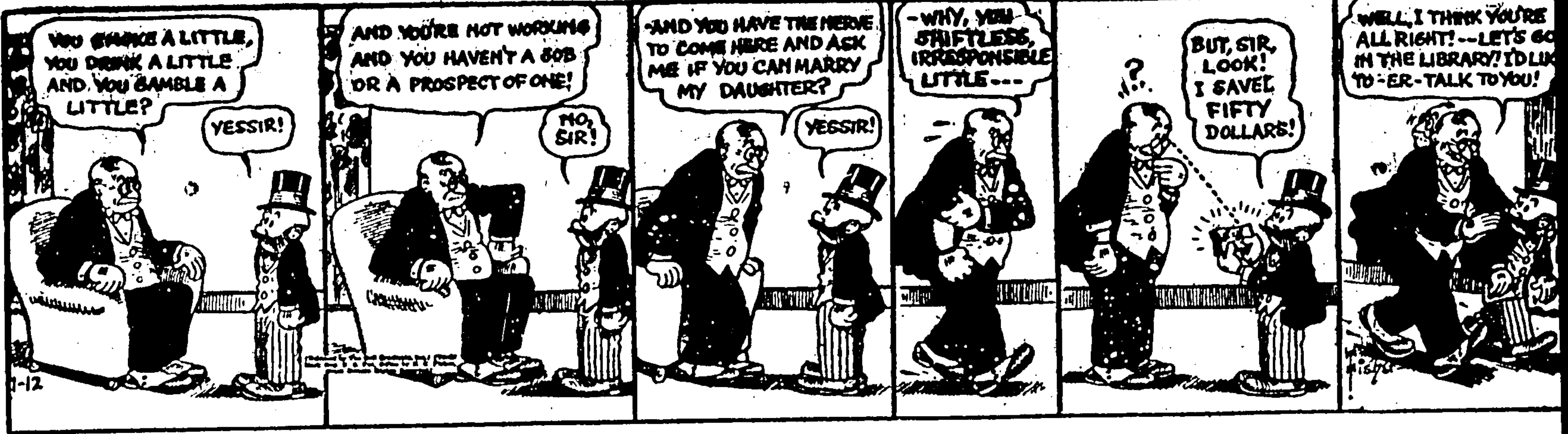
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EASY RECREIO VICTORY
In the other match, at King's Park, Recreio were able to play at half speed to beat Kowloon Cricket Club for the loss of only one game. Only visiting combination to offer any serious opposition were A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, who did extremely well to beat the formidable H. A. Barros-A. E. Xavier pairing.



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To-day's Wireless

Studio Items:
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6.00 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert & "H.M.S. Pinafore"—Selection . . . The B. B. C. Theatre Orchestra directed by Stanford Robinson. "The Mikado" I am so Proud . . . Leo Sheffield, Henry A. Lytton and George Baker. Our Great Mikado . . . George Baker (Baritone) and Chorus of Men. Young Man, Despair . . . Leo Sheffield, Derek Oldham, and George Baker. And Have I Journey'd . . . Derek Oldham and Leo Sheffield. "Ruddigore"—Vocal Gems . . . Columbia Light Opera Company with Orch.
6.28 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

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6.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Slow Fox-Trot—Bull It in C; Fox-Trot—Doctor Rhythm (from the film) . . . The New Lyres. Swing—The Highland Swing; Polka—When They Played the Polka; Primo Scala's Accordion Band. Slow Fox-Trots—There's Rain in My Eyes; The Red Maple Leaves; Mantovani & His Orchestra. Tangos—Siempre Unidos; El Que A Hierro Mata . . . Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Fox-Trots—Daddy's Boy; In a Little Kindergarten . . . Jan Garber & His Orchestra.

Waltz—Midnight Waltz . . . Gino Bordin & Hawaiians.
7.05 p.m.—London Relay—"Swing, Brothers, Swing." With Billy Bennett.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Father O'Mara (Baritone) and A. T. Lay (Piano).
1. To the Sea (MacDowell) . . . A. T. Lay at the Piano.
2. a) A Fairy Story By The Fire (Merikanto); b) O Golden Age of Innocence (Brahms, Op. 63, No. 8) . . . Father O'Mara (Baritone) with Piano accompy by A. T. Lay.
3. A. D. 1600 (MacDowell) . . . A. T. Lay at the Piano.
4. a) A Border Home (Montague Phillips); b) Thanks be to God (Stanley Dickson) . . . Father O'Mara (Baritone) with Piano accompy by A. T. Lay.
8.30 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 96

In D Major. Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.
8.51 p.m.—Studio—Talk on Psychology by Father G. Byrne, S. J.—2: "My Own Back Parlour: What Did and What I Didn't Do There."
9.03 p.m.—Light Orchestral. Musette Et Tambourin (Rameau) Menuet (Boccherini) . . . Orchestre Symphonique de Paris. Gypsy Serenade (Boulanger); Tango Torero (Boulanger) . . . George Boulanger & His Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs."
9.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Monsieur Beaucaire." Adapted for Broadcasting from Booth Tarkington's novel and the light opera libretto by Frederick Lonsdale, by Gordon McConnell. Lyrics by Adrian Ross. Music by Andre Massager. Produced by Gordon McConnell and Rex Haworth.
11.0 p.m.—Close down.



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East, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
K 9 8 7
A 7 6 4
Q 8 2
6 5
5 4 3
K 10 2
7 6
A K 10
8 7
N
W
E
S
A Q J 10
6 2
Q 9 8 5
Q 4 3
J 3
A K Q J 10 5 4 3
J 9 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 50 Pass Pass

Against South's shut-out bid of five diamonds West cashed two club tricks, then decided to play safe by leading a trump. As the trump was won in dummy, East made the flamboyant gesture of discarding the Queen of spades. The signal quickly proved his undoing. The seven of spades was played. East covered with the

ten and South trumped. A trump was led to dummy and the eight of spades now forced East's Jack. Next Declarer trumped his remaining club, then played the nine of spades, forcing East's Ace. Of course dummy's King of Spades was now established and Declarer was able to discard his losing heart. Without East's emphatic signal, Declarer would have had no play for his contract.

Yesterday both sides were vulnerable and the opponents had 60 on score. You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and held:

The bidding:
Maier Burnstone Jacoby You
Pass Pass 1A (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to double (for takeout). The partial score justifies this risk. With no score you should pass.
Score 100% for double, 60% for pass, 20% for any overcall.
QUESTION NO. 341
Oswald Jacoby is your partner. You are the dealer and hold:

The bidding:
Maier Schenken Jacoby Maier
1A Pass 3A Pass
(?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

WEEK-END CRICKET

Following cricket teams have been selected for the week-end.

RECREIO SENIORS
The following will represent Recreio seniors in a League game against Craighower, at 2 p.m. at King's Park—A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), E. L. Gosano, P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., W. A. Reed, L. G. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio, J. M. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, G. N. Gosano, A. P. Pereira and N. Beltrao.

ARMY ELEVENS
The following will represent Army:
"A" XI v. University, Sookunpoo.—Capt. D. C. E. Grose (Captain), Major W. G. Harvey, Capt. J. D. Holmes, Capt. P. J. T. Skipwith, S/Sgt. Gardner, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Webb, Cpl. Murphy, Cpl. Blount, L/Cpl. Young and Pte. Haig.
"B" XI v. R.A.F., Happy Valley.—Capt. J. F. Lawrence (Captain), Major J. E. Swyer, Lieut. A. W. F. Peal, S/Sgt. Gardner, Cpl. Blount, L/Bomb. Ward, L/Bomb. Burdett, Sigm. Lithauer, Cpl. Boocock, Pte. Hatfield and Gnr. Martin.


H.K.C.C. TEAMS
The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club senior cricket team in a match against the Kowloon C.S. at K.C.C. to-morrow.—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), C. G. Aitkenhead, C. W. E. Bishop, D. de S. Carey, J. H. Fox, W. G. Finnie, N. D. Lloyd, Capt. Parsons, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb and L. C. Smith.
The junior eleven of the Hong Kong Cricket Club against the Kowloon C.C. at home

to-morrow will be represented by the following.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, G. E. R. Divett, R. D. Gillespie, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, Brigadier, T. MacLeod, W. Odell, R. S. W. Paterson, M. L. Smith, C. M. Stark and A. Waller.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.
The following will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club in a league match against the Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo.—B. C. K. Hawkins (Capt.), J. E. Richardson, A. E. Perry, W. H. Colledge, J. Barrow, N. Whitley, R. H. Griffiths, D. Hollidge, G. Ainslie, R. J. Fenton and E. Lawrence.

ARMY BOXING

Following are the results of finals of the Hong Kong Area Individual (Inter-unit) novices boxing championships at Murra Barracks last night:
Bantamweight:—Pte. Brett (Royal Scots) beat Pte. McDonald (Royal Scots).
Featherweight:—Pte. Corrigan (Royal Scots) beat Pte. Forrest (Royal Scots).
Lightweight:—Pte. Cole (Middlesex) knocked out Pte. Smith (Royal Scots).
Middleweight:—Pte. Crosgroves (Royal Scots) beat Pte. Clarke (Royal Scots). Special bout.—Bdsm. Emerson (Royal Scots) beat L/Cpl. Macnally (Royal Scots).
Lighthouse:—Pte. Revell (Middlesex) beat L/Cpl. Rose (Seaforth Highlanders).
Heavyweight:—Gnr. Ellsworth (R.A.) beat Gnr. Cronow (R.A.).
Welterweight:—L/Cpl. Wilson (Middlesex) beat Pte. Dunlop (Royal Scots).



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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB**ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940**

17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th February.

On SATURDAY, 17th, MONDAY, 19th, TUESDAY, 20th, and WEDNESDAY, 21st February, the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be run at 12.00 NOON. On SATURDAY, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order

Secretary

Hong Kong, 11th February, 1940.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB**TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1940**

Entries close TO-MORROW, 24th February, 1940, at 6 p.m.

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 26th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4231.	Between To Kwa Wan Road, and Ha Heung Road, South West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4148.	n.	n.	n.	n.	As per sale plan	About 26,500	\$468 \$19,875

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
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Entitled: "Television—
A General Survey"

on FRIDAY, 23rd, February, 1940,
Commencing at 6 p.m.

A cordial invitation is given to all interested.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 28th February 1940, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 15th February to Wednesday, the 28th February 1940 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,

Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 8th, February, 1940.

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BASIC TERMS OF "PEACE" PACT

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not assume anti-Japanese and pro-Communist policies in succeeding the administration of the old Kuomintang Party.

The Japanese Government is determined to take full care in guiding the new "central government" so that it will not commit the errors of the Chungking Government.

MONOPOLIES TO GO ON

Fourthly, two national companies, the North China Development Company and the Central China Development Company will not be subject to any change in their legal status as semi-official Japanese concerns even after the establishment of the new "central government."

Fifthly, the "central government" will seek to unify the Chinese currency system and establish a new central bank.

The Japanese Government assumes that the projected "central government" will not absorb the Federal Reserve Bank in view of its special mission.

Sixthly, the Japanese Government does not intend at present to change the relation of the Japanese yen note and the yuan of the Federal Reserve Bank at par.

"TOLERANT" TERMS

Seventhly, the Japanese Government will adopt a prudent attitude towards "fa-pi," the legal currency of the Chungking Government, avoiding any radical change likely to affect the economic life of the Chinese.

Eighthly, the Japanese Government is determined to make the Chinese understand fully the "tolerant" terms on which Japan is to conclude peace with China.

The terms are based on the Konoye statement issued in December, 1938, calling for the so-called three principles, namely, joint opposition to the

Comintern, economic co-operation between China and Japan and no territorial or indemnity demands by Japan.

WISHFUL THINKING

Ninthly, "the Chungking Government is treading the path of decay owing to the raising of a strong party advocating peace, the intensification of friction between Chungking and the Communists, uneasiness concerning the future of the legal currency, shortage of materials and the decrease in its revenues from Customs duties."

"The military power of the Chinese forces has been so weakened," says the Japanese report, "that the strength of one Chinese division is equal to that of one battalion of Japanese troops."

Tenthly, the Japanese Government believes that the Chungking Government will either decay as a result of the healthy development of the new central government and the pressure of the military campaigns by the Japanese forces in China, or will dissolve naturally and its organising elements will participate in the new central government under Wang Ching-wei.

POLICY ON CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Eleventhly, Japan's policy of "No Deal with Chiang Kai-shek is immovable so long as the Chiang Kai-shek regime does not reconsider its precarious situation and dissolve."

Twelfthly, the necessity of stationing large Japanese forces in China will be removed when the Chungking Government reconsiders and proposes peace with Japan or participates in the Wang Ching-wei Government. The Japanese Government will consider the China Incident ended when order in China has been restored. -- Reuter.

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The whole of the staff of the Repulse Bay Hotel was called out this afternoon to combat an extensive fire which enveloped the entire hillside behind the hotel within about half an hour.

In the early stages, the fire swept down towards the hotel and came alarmingly close, although the staff, equipped with brushwood were lined out to beat out the blaze.

At about 2.30 p.m., however, the wind changed and the fire began to sweep upwards.

Moscow, To-day.

The latest Soviet war communique referring to yesterday's events says that there is nothing of importance to report at the front. On the Karelian Isthmus, it continues, the Soviet troops, repulsing the Finns, occupied 21 defensive positions including 15 iron and concrete artillery forts. In view of a snowstorm, aviation activity was restricted to reconnaissance flights. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

Vice-Admiral Phya Rajawangsan, the Thai (Siam) Minister to the Court of St. James, has died suddenly, as the result of a heart attack. — Reuter.

Mr. "Boogie" Moller has returned to Shanghai, together with the senior Russian riding boy of the Cire stable.

Mr. H. J. A. Hearne will ride the Cire entries until Mr. Moller returns to Hong Kong.

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